

Submission

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Following

Significant Additional Information 13th September , 2021

In relation to

F20A/0668 - Relevant Action

To remove Condition 3(d) & Condition 5

F04A/1775 – PL06F.217429

of the night time Restrictions at Dublin Airport.

TO

ANCA

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority.

Date: Tuesday 23rd February 2022.

OPENING STATEMENT

The existing application flies in the face of the proper democratic process. DAA obtained the runway permission under false pretences. It must be noted that the actual conditions being removed were the hinge point by which DAA were granted the runway originally. An Bord Pleanála were refusing the application if these conditions were not accepted by DAA. DAA finally relented and their Senior Counsel confirmed that they would accept and honour them. In this application they are now attempting to reverse that agreement which is an abuse of democratic process. They want these set aside at the expense of the local community for the purposes of profit and nothing else. This effectively voids the permission as a whole as they are fundamental to the runway permission in protecting the residents in a small way, they are also using this application to materially change the flight paths, hours of operation and impose a DAA noise led framework upon the residents of Fingal through the DAA funded organisations of ANCA and Fingal County Council. We must insist that this is tuned down and DAA re-apply for a new permission as such changes are so substantial that they cannot be assessed as stand alone conditions in the overall context of the original permission.

This also begs the question of constitutional rights of the residents when such important decisions are being made without proper process, appropriate assessment, stakeholder engagement and overall undermining and cherry picking of a legal planning permission which was formulated after a lengthy and detailed planning application process and oral hearing. We are asking ANCA to be objective in their response to this application and question the glaring omissions in the documentation provided by DAA along with the major anomalies between that which is submitted now and the information provided at different occasions over the past 22 years of this process. The residents have been held in limbo on this matter for too long and we are not willing to accept another extension of 3 years, nor forced re-location as mooted recently. The residents of Kilreesk / Millhead need a proper framework before any decision on planning conditions is made.

DAA have adopted an 'entitled view' of their application as if it is a foregone conclusion that they will be successful as Basil Geoghegan indicated on 20/10/21 in the Irish Times;

"It is now important that the statutory process reaches a speedy conclusion and that we do not see unintended curtailment of operations as a result of procedural delays"

This is a rebuttal of the process as a whole and displays the contempt that DAA have for due process as well as the local community

The unfortunate thing is that the language used during this exchange in the Public accounts committee was very robust and assured with regards to the successful outcome of the application. We must urge ANCA and Fingal not to be influenced unduly by DAA even though DAA is their main contributor. ANCA needs to lead the way on this application and defend the residents and refuse the inaccurate information being presented.

The residents will pursue whatever legal avenues necessary to uphold our rights as EU citizens.

EIA

This project falls under the requirements of an EIA and is within the meaning of an EIA directive. The DAA have chosen to separate the two conditions and operating use from the overall runway development claiming that they are completely different matters. This is an attempt to avoid a full EIA which is absolutely required here under the legislation and we will challenge this under Judicial Review if required. The basis by which the DAA have set out a partial EIAR is against all good practice and is not fit for purpose, no proper public consultation was carried out with regard to this application in any shape or form and acceptance of the information provided by DAA would be completely incorrect and contravene the EU law, Irish planning acts, our constitutional rights as Irish Citizens and Our Rights as EU citizens to a fair input into such important matters which have far reaching consequences for Human Health, human behaviour, amenity value, Schools, Woodland survival, Wildlife, Protected species etc. The DAA did carry out information meetings over the past 6 or 7 years however there was no indication of these fundamental changes being sought through a planning process. DAA have absolutely sought to mislead both the general public and ANCA in this regard and have fudged this completely. The first indication of the proposed changes made by DAA to the planning application were only made known on foot of this application. The DAA have chosen to mislead and lie on this matter. The proposed change of conditions and mode of operation is a fundamental change to the conditions by which the Runway Permission was granted and run hand in hand with the overall development. The permission was granted under particular conditions which included pre-construction conditions, Construction related conditions and post Construction Operations conditions -The DAA cannot cherry pick one and disregard the others, a full EIA must be sought with proper and specific public consultation process which is specific entirely to the application at hand.

The DAA avoided an Appropriate Assessment on the main permission and the extension to the permission, they are now trying to avoid their requirement for a full EIA, Surely ANCA and Fingal will not fall for this again.

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GLOSSARY

ANCA - Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

ABP - AN Bord Pleanála

ATM – Air Traffic Movements (include aircraft taking off and landing aircraft as individual counts)

ATC – Air Traffic Control.

FCC - Fingal County Council

FPGOR - Flight Path/Ground Operations Residents.

FDP – Fingal Development Plan.

NAP - Noise Action Plan

NAO - Noise Abatement Objective.

LTO - Landing Take Off.

END - European Noise Directive.

CAR - Commission for Aviation Regulations.

SID – Strategic Infrastructure Development.

SID - Standard Instrument Departure – Aviation tool for aircraft take off.

WHO - World Health Organisation.

AQS – Aircraft Quota System.

VDPS – Voluntary Dwelling Purchase Scheme – set up by daa and FCC in December 2016

VDIS - Voluntary Dwelling Insulation Scheme for homes within the 63dB laeq16 contour.

SID Standard Instrument Departure (Departure instrument for Aircraft)

Chapter 1

Introducing Ourselves – WHO we are.

We are representing three households, under the flightpath of North runway , 10L-28R , living in the community of St Margarets , on the western side of Dublin Airport. The rural community comprises of farmland and individual homes, here for three generations. We are located under the flight paths determined by daa – 10L-28R , for their new runway. As flight path residents, we will be subjected to 16 hrs of additional aircraft noise , when the new runway opens in 2022. We have been identified in the 63dB to 69dB contour and eligible for a voluntary sound insulation and part of the voluntary dwelling buy out scheme, currently in place, as agreed by Daa , the applicant, and the local authority - Fingal County Council, excluding those adversely impacted , placing us in a compromising distressing position.

We have made submissions to the current and previous 2018 – 2023 FDP and previous five FDP's , the NAP (Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023), the CAR – (Commission for Aircraft Regulations). As part of a group - SMCRG , we made a submission to F04A/1755 in 2003 and following permission granted by FCC , in 2004, appealed the grant of permission with UPROAR (Residents Group – Portmarnock) to ABP .

We employed the services of Mr Karl Searson – acoustic engineer and legal agents and were the main resident group, along with UPROAR participating in the Oral Hearing in September 2006.

As a result of our participation, the noise contours and methodology was challenged in terms of validity, transparency and correlation with health and well-being, for those living in the surrounds of Dublin Airport.

Following grant of permission with the imposition of 31 conditions by ABP in August 2007, the applicant applied to cherry pick the night time restrictions , and request removal under SID . (Strategic Infrastructure Development) Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 in August 2008 . This was refused to the applicant by ABP.

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MFGM

CHAPTER 2

What this Application is About.

Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 , DAA Chair Designate , Basil Geoghegan , stated at an Oireachtas Transport & Communications Committee would handle half its total 2019 this year, while it would take up to 5 years to recover lost ground.

He stated we were at a point where ANCA are the regulator for European Regulation on airports and ANCA are due to publish their decision on the lifting of the night-time restrictions imposed by An Bord Pleanála in 2007 and he would work with whatever that decision is. He added he expects an appeal to An Bord Pleanála , whether it is daa or others, and ABP should be ready and staffed up to deal with the appeal.

He Stated: It is important that the statutory process reaches a speedy conclusion and that we do not see unintended curtailment of operations at Dublin Airport as a result of procedural delays, even as we seek to rebuild connectivity post- Covid.

We as a community and families are also coming out of Covid and looking forward to building our lives and community life again.

He stressed that planning delays should not curtail Dublin's operations as it bids to recover.

Mr Geoghegan noted that DAA Dublin Airport was seeking to change planning conditions attached to its new runway that could limit night-time flights.

"It s now important that the statutory process reaches a speedy conclusion and that we do not see unintended curtailment of operations at Dublin Airport as a result of procedural delays, even as we seek to rebuild connectivity post-Covid," he said.

An Bord Pleanála limited night-time flights across Dublin Airport as a condition of granting permission for its new north runway, due to open in August. DAA is appealing this to Dublin Airport's noise regulator, [Fingal County Council](#).

Aircraft manufacturers have made significant progress with noise-reduction technology since planners imposed the conditions in 2007. This is one of several factors that Fingal County Council will have to weigh when it is considering DAA's case.

He stated in the podcast that the focus was on the noise of aircraft and quieter aircraft NOT the NUMBER OF FLIGHTS .

He added that the Aer Lingus A320Neo and Ryan Air new 737-max were quieter. He added it was an exciting time for Dublin Airport.

NOTE : Many of these new aircraft will have an AQC of zero and thus will not come into the radius of the AQS - as discussed in Chapter 9

He states the airport will be a safer airport in the early mornings , due to the congestion , changing these conditions.

He stated

The lifting of night-time flight restrictions on Dublin airport's new runway, imposed by An Bord Pleanála in 2007, could make the airport "a very exciting place for carriers who are using new technology," says DAA chair designate Basil Geoghegan.

The new technology will lead to quieter aircraft, to reduce the AQC (Aircraft Quota Counts and within the limit of 7990 figure put forward.

SO what about the safety and health of the adversely impacted flight path residents -

FOCUS ON THE NOISE NOT THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT.

Per the conditions, only 65 ATMs are permitted from 11pm to 0700am are permitted by ABP and this is what is required for households to operate their daily lives , in terms of health , well being and peace of mind.

Daa are assuming , an entitlement to impose aircraft nuisance noise on residents in Millhead, Kilreesk, St Margarets and Dunbro, all in the vicinity of the flightpaths and ground operations of Dublin Airport.

This will be appealed to ABP as this is not right, no matter how strong the economic arguments are. To ignore the significant impacts on a small population of people will not be accepted and challenged with ABP should the

removal of the night restrictions be granted by ANCA and Fingal County Council.

The concerns and impacts have not been addressed to date.

Assessment.

Essentially the proposed development involves removing condition 5 and altering the wording of condition 3 of PL06F.217429. The prospective applicant states that this constitutes a material change of use.

Planning permission was granted by the Board for the new parallel runway under PL06F.217429. That application was lodged before the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006 became operative.

The runway has not been constructed. As there is no existing use of the runway, the alteration of the terms of PL06F.217429 would not constitute a material change of use, in my opinion.

Refusal by ABP for SID application to remove Condition 3(d) and Condition 5.

In 2016 daa announced the new runway construction and operation. On December 20th 2020, an application was submitted to FCC to remove the night time restrictions, in place to protect us for 8 hours – night time 1100 – 0700.

We are rigorously and ultimately objecting to this application, based on the adverse affects to our health, in physical, mental and legal terms. We find this decision by the applicant to be extremely distressing and disrespectful to those involved in the original application F04A/1755 to safeguard the future of their homes and livelihoods and quality of life.

This application is part 2 of the original planning application F04A/1755. Part 1 was to obtain the planning permission initially, to proceed with the construction of the runway, with the intention of defying and breaching the conditions in its entirety. The grant of permission was approved subject to the 31 conditions, fully adhered to. This is a legal planning document and all parties subject to the adherence of all 31 conditions.

Extract from ABP – Board Direction – 27th August 2007

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to refuse permission, the Board considered that adequate information had been submitted in the Environmental Impact Statement, in further information submitted both to the Planning Authority and the Board and at the oral hearing to enable it to make an assessment of the significant impacts of the proposed development on the environment and its acceptability in terms of proper planning and sustainable development. The Board considered that in overall terms, the inconsistencies or deficiencies in information referred to by the Inspector were not so significant as to warrant a refusal of permission or could not otherwise be addressed by way

of condition. In particular, the Board was satisfied, on the basis of the information submitted and the conditions attached, and, having regard to the fact that there are no planning restrictions on the current operation of the airport runways, that- (1) there would be no significant deterioration in noise conditions at night time in the vicinity of the airport due to the proposed Option 7b operating mode for the runways (non-use of new runway and of cross runway at night) and the restriction on night-time aircraft movements by way of condition, (2) in relation to day time noise, there would be some improvements relative to current or future noise impacts with the existing runway system to be offset against disimprovements in other areas/respects and the net effects would not be significant in terms of public health and safety such as to warrant a refusal of permission

This permission was granted on the above grounds. (Non-use of new runway and of cross runway at night)

3. On completion of construction of the runway hereby permitted, the runways at the airport shall be operated in accordance with the mode of operation – Option 7b – as detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, Section 16 as received by the planning authority on the 9th day of August, 2005 and shall provide that -
 - (a) the parallel runways (10R-28L and 10L-28R) shall be used in preference to the cross runway, 16-34,
 - (b) when winds are westerly, Runway 28L shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. Either Runway 28L or 28R shall be used for departing aircraft as determined by air traffic control,
 - (c) when winds are easterly, either Runway 10L or 10R as determined by air traffic control shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. Runway 10R shall be preferred for departing aircraft, and

(d) Runway 10L-28R shall not be used for take-off or landing between 2300 hours and 0700 hours,

except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to ensure the operation of the runways in accordance with the mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Impact Statement in the interest of the **protection of the amenities of the surrounding area.**

And replace with the following under a “Relevant Action”

‘Runway 10L-28R shall not be used for take-off or landing between 0000 hours and 0559 hours except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports or where Runway 10L-28R length is required for a specific aircraft type.’

The net effect of the proposed change, if permitted, would change the normal operating hours of the North Runway from the 0700hrs to 2300 hrs to 0600 hrs to 0000 hrs.

The Relevant Action also is: To replace condition no. 5 of the North Runway Planning Permission

5. On completion of construction of the runway hereby permitted, the average number of night time aircraft movements at the airport shall not exceed 65/night (between 2300 hours and 0700 hours) when measured over the 92 day modelling period as set out in the reply to the further information request received by An Bord Pleanála on the 5th day of March, 2007.

Reason: To control the frequency of night flights at the airport so as to protect residential amenity having regard to the information submitted concerning future night time use of the existing parallel runway.”

And replace with the following:

A noise quota system is proposed for night time noise at the airport. The airport shall be subject to an **annual noise quota of 7990** between the hours of **2330hrs and 0600hrs**. In addition to the proposed night time noise quota, the Relevant Action also proposes the following noise mitigation measures: - A noise insulation grant scheme for eligible dwellings within **specific night noise contours** - A detailed Noise Monitoring Framework to monitor the noise performance with results to be reported annually to the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA), in compliance with the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019

Daa are proposing and seek approval from ANCA to change the night time hours, imposed by ABP, based on an economic reason to trample on those adversely affected, in terms of health and well being and then receive planning permission from FCC.

The Applicant is also seeking to direct and influence ANCA (part of FCC) to produce a NAO (Noise Abatement Objective) under their cNAO proposals with their data, in parallel to removing the night time restrictions, with a dual approach. It is important to note here, that Dublin Airport currently has no restrictions and when the NAO is live, this will then introduce restrictions to Dublin Airport, from that date and into the future.

So this planning application has three objectives.

- Deal with flight path issues not addressed in the current contours submitted, for the community of St Margarets.
- Introduce a NAO with the least number of restrictions to suit the airport operator and direct its content and procedure and implementation, to the detriment of those directly and significantly affected. This will place the airport operator as a regulator as well as the body to be regulated. So the question is, who regulates the regulator. The NAO is required as part of the European Directive 598/2014 and the END. (Dublin Airport Aircraft Noise Bill - May 2019)
- Remove the night time restrictions – to use scheduled flights on runway 10L-28R. Should this be granted, night time hours will be defined at Dublin Airport as 12pm to 0600 hrs – giving 6 hours sleep to those adversely affected – effectively removing 2 hours sleep and tranquil rest time, required for health and well-being. Night time per the WHO is 11pm to 7am in the morning.
- Once the runway becomes operational, The IAA and ATC will determine the use of the runways, and Daa will be passing the responsibility to both taking themselves out of the loop. So the night time restrictions must not be permitted until those adversely affected are included in any further changes, that impact on them and are considered meaningful participants, in relation to their homes, their health, their futures, as a priority. This needs to be endorsed and agreed with, by those families adversely affected, and not ignored, as is the current situation.

ANCA have surpassed the Noise count quota by giving 16,260 in their Draft Regulatory Decision, on which this consultation is based on.

CHAPTER 3

The Legal validity of the Planning permission imposed by ABP in August 2007.

Following the Oral hearing in September 2006 and grant of permission in August 2007 for the north runway, Daa made an application under SID to ABP to remove only 2 of the conditions – Condition 3(d) and condition 5, leaving all other conditions in place to be implemented. This was effectively changing all the conditions, once one is affected this affects all others.

Note : there was no change recommended in the “onerous” wording for the homeowners in Condition 7 and Condition 9 .

Instead of making a new application in relation to their requirement, the applicant succeeded in using the same planning reference by way of an amendment to the FDP 2018-2023 by way of Amendment 1 , and a “ Relevant Action “ to only change 2 of the conditions, leaving all others in place, including the description of the planning application.

This was achieved by collaboration with the planning authority and passed in December 2019, following a motion put forward by Councillor David Healy , following a process of submissions (which were only considered) at a full council meeting in 9TH December 2019. This motion called on councillors not to allow a change to the FDP introducing Land Use Management Planning to proceed with the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan (formally the Dublin Airport Masterplan) – Variation No. 1 of the FDP

We do not accept the outcome of this vote as the motion was rejected on the first count by one vote, and then a second vote in the chamber , permitted to achieve the desired result. Following that , the applicant had the planning tool pathway to apply to remove the conditions, under the new “ Relevant Action “. (Land use planning)

We do not consider this democratic and this leaves homeowners in a very vulnerable and targeted position when this runway becomes operational. The issues for homeowners

must be addressed prior to the opening and operation of Runway 10L – 28R as a matter of priority.

7. Prior to commencement of development, a scheme for the voluntary noise insulation of existing dwellings shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority. The scheme shall include all dwellings predicted to fall within the contour of 63 dB LAeq ^{16 hours} within 12 months of the planned opening of the runway for use. The scheme shall include for a review every two years of the dwellings eligible for insulation.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

8. The runway hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until noise insulation approved under conditions numbers 6 and 7 above has been installed in all cases where a voluntary offer has been accepted within the time limit of the scheme.

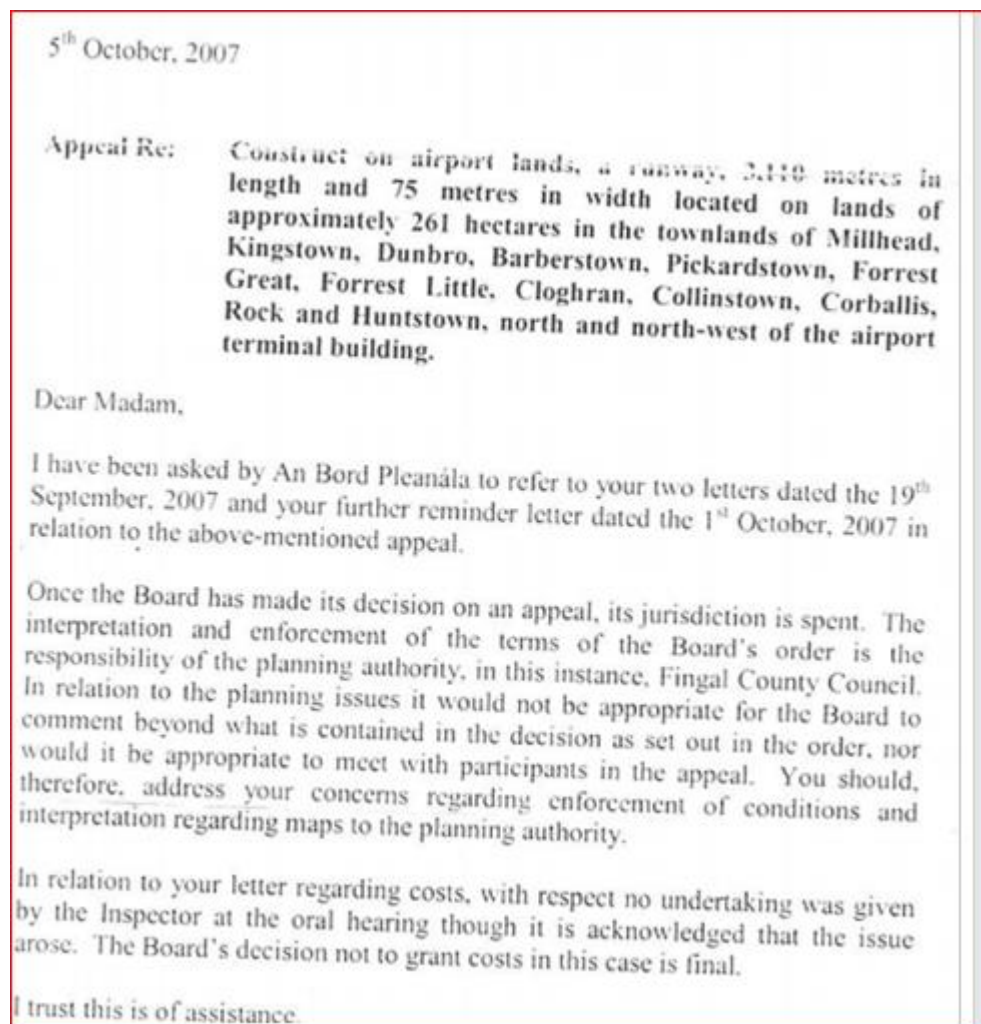
Reason: In the interest of the amenities of residences and schools in the area.

9. Prior to commencement of development, a scheme for the voluntary purchase of dwellings shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority. The scheme shall include all dwellings predicted to fall within the contour of 69 dB LAeq ^{16 hours} within twelve months of the planned opening of the runway for use. Prior to the commencement of operation of the runway, an offer of purchase in accordance with the agreed scheme shall have been made to all dwellings coming within the scope of the scheme and such offer shall remain open for a period of 12 months from the commencement of use of the runway.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

The wording of the conditions caused concern to the SMCRG group and a meeting was requested with ABP to raise our concerns with the direct relation of setting up a scheme between the applicant and FCC, with no participation from those identified as red circled. This was rejected by ABP. We were also due costs back for the first day of the oral hearing due to a conflict of interest. This was denied. FCC and Daa had a significant cost outlay,

covered by the taxpayer while SMCRG and UPROAR had to fund their costs from their limited resources. (2006) .



The interpretation and enforcement of the conditions has raised the issue of discrimination by the decisions makers, in relation to the VDPS particularly as the process followed by both parties, daa and FCC denied those affected, meaningful engagement and opportunities to participate in the vital framework that critically affect those targeted. The homeowners affected had no say in the final framework decision process and this was presented at a special CLG meeting in November 2016, just before both schemes were discharged as completed, in the pre-commencement conditions.

Now the daa apply to breach those conditions by way of moving the planning goalposts, to have 24 hour operation on both runways, (scheduled and unscheduled) and the VDPS and

VDIS remain the same, with the applicant claiming entitlement to do so, just adding an additional maximum amount of €20,000 for additional insulation - the value placed on losing every night's sleep and the impact on health and well being. The interpretation of the conditions enabled the daa and FCC to devise a scheme that has been put forward as a premium of 30% on top of the daa's valuation of homes. This creates a perception that is false and disingenuous on behalf of daa and FCC. The extension period of three years will benefit the applicant not the homeowners continuing the trauma and distress experienced for the last 22 years. This leaves affected residents in a limbo situation, waiting to be picked off.

The first media coverage of the proposed change to 24 hour flying, was reported in "The Northside people" - 6th January – 12th January 2021 - front page – Main headline.

DUBLIN AIRPORT WANTS NIGHT HOURS CHANGE

Daa, **who own the airport**, say they want to change what it claims are **"onerous conditions"** for the hours during which it can operate.

Daa is proposing that North Runway would only be used between 6am and midnight, meaning that there would be no flights on the new runway during the **core midnight to 6am night time hours**.

"We had originally wanted to have these two onerous conditions removed entirely" says daa Chief Executive Dalton Philips.

"But having engaged with the local community and listened to their views we have revised our previous position and are now proposing very significant mitigation measures.

*Under daa's new proposals **the overall effects of night-time noise at Dublin Airport** are less than envisaged under the planning permission granted in 2007, and **do not exceed those of 2018**.*

Within the planning application, daa is also proposing a new €7million insulation scheme for dwellings that are most affected by night-time noise. The proposed scheme would see grants of €20,000 paid to the owners of up to 350 eligible houses.

Daa has already established an insulation programme for about 200 local households and has established a voluntary scheme to purchase up to 38 properties that will be most affected by the operation of the North Runway at a significant premium to their market value if the runway was not being built.

"The new proposal balances the requirements of the Irish economy with the valid concerns of the local community", according to Mr Philips.

Note the focus per Mr Basil Geoghegan to the Oireachtas on Transport on 20th October.

Not the number of flights but the NOISE of FLIGHTS .

So what is being said here- the noise levels will not exceed 2018 but the ATMS will be unlimited and this AQS gives the tool for permission to do so, The Maximum noise levels were in 2019 along with the highest number of flights, and passengers using Dublin Airport. But daa are choosing 2018 to set their baseline.

This statement to the public is disingenuous and simply false information , to create a perception the applicant has the right to change the conditions. Night time core hours are from 11pm to 7am per the WHO . (World Health Organisation) There has been no meaningful engagement with the “community” and the change is daa expect to remove the night time restrictions, placing each adversely affected homeowner in a comprising position. The very significant mitigation measures , are not at all significant , considering the loss of our outdoor space, our gardens, and inside our homes, day and night, once the North Runway opens. This will be every day for 24 hours a day , with no respite.

In keeping with the conditions, all parties were to adhere to 16 hours scheduled flights on North Runway with NO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS from 1100 to 0700 in the morning. ABP only granted the permission on that basis.

To say that

Under daa’s new proposals the overall effects of night-time noise at Dublin Airport are less than envisaged under the planning permission granted in 2007, and do not exceed those of 2018 is simply false, as in 2018 there was no scheduled or non scheduled flights on a North Runway, as there was no North Runway open. So to compare the existance of a runway with assumptions and forecasts v the non existance of a runway in 2018 , is creating a false perception to the public and to those affected.

The Planning Conditions state

- (d) Runway 10L-28R shall not be used for take-off or landing between 2300 hours and 0700 hours,

except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports.

The exceptions above and the proposals to breach the planning permission will open runway 10L -28R - 24 hours a day and also 10R-28L .

This is a major shift from the legal agreement by Daa initially to obtain the planning permission in the first instance.

SMCRG with the knowledge of the Applicants intention to breach of the night time restrictions , requested an opportunity to participate in the 5 year extension application to FCC and were refused in December 2016, stating consultation and participation were not part of the process. The impact of the extension of time , with this application to breach the conditions with night time restrictions, will lead to litigation issues, should it be granted.

CHAPTER 4

NIGHT TIME HOURS IS 1100PM TO 0700 AM

The WHO guidelines clearly states the night time hours and this was clarified at the oral hearing and corrected.

4.4. WHO Guideline Values

The WHO guideline values in Table 4.1 are organized according to specific environments. When multiple adverse health effects are identified for a given environment, the guideline values are set at the level of the lowest adverse health effect (the critical health effect). An adverse health effect of noise refers to any temporary or long-term deterioration in physical, psychological or social functioning that is associated with noise exposure. The guideline values represent the sound pressure levels that affect the most exposed receiver in the listed environment.

The time base for LAeq for “daytime” and “night-time” is 16 h and 8 h, respectively. No separate time base is given for evenings alone, but typically, guideline value should be 5 –10 dB lower than for a 12 h daytime period. Other time bases are recommended for schools, preschools and playgrounds, depending on activity.

The available knowledge of the adverse effects of noise on health is sufficient to propose guideline values for community noise for the following:

- a. Annoyance.
- b. Speech intelligibility and communication interference.
- c. Disturbance of information extraction.
- d. Sleep disturbance.
- e. Hearing impairment.

Extract from the WHO guidelines for community noise 1999.

The applicant is attempting to influence a perception that night time is core hours 12pm – 6am and remove 1100 – 11.30 from any aircraft noise monitoring (30 minutes) as part of the AQS.

Night time is 8 hours - 11pm to 7am . The applicant titles the hours 11.00 – 11.30pm and 0600 – 0700 as shoulder hours.

Fact is – 1100 – 11.30 is night time and 0600 – 0700 is also night time for the purpose of sleep and rest.

Extract from Ruport Thornley Taylor Document - June 2007 - Oral Hearing for F04A/1755

1 The Development currently sought by the Applicants

The EIS considered a range of operational scenarios Between the submission of the EIS and the opening of the hearing, one operational scenario known as Option 7B has been favoured by the applicants and it was confirmed by the applicants to the hearing, through their council Mr O Donnell, that the applicant would be content to be restricted to the use on the new runway in accordance with the assumptions of Option 7b In Summary these Assumption are :

(4) No operations at night defined according to the noise contour period as 2300 – 0700 on runway 10L-28R **with very limited exceptions.**

The definition of night for these purposes was confirmed by Mr O Donnell as 2300 – 07.00 **not 2300 to 0600 as referred to in the EIS Addendum 2. The Exceptions were clarified by Mr Andrew Evans as follows:**

Where safety, maintenance considerations air traffic demand and environmental considerations require the proposed runway at night “is to be interpreted such that in clarification of the term “**air traffic demand**” this was included to cover broader airline traffic issues not necessarily covered by the safety and Environmental issues at Dublin . These demand might occur as a result of widespread traffic disruption over a large area perhaps as a result of adverse weather , technical problems with Air Traffic Control systems or declared other emergencies at other airports . **It does not mean air traffic demand or capability**

So it is very clear from the Oral hearing and conditions agreed, daa agreed to the night time restrictions 1100 – 0700 with exceptions – clearly documented as scheduled flights due to air traffic demand or capability.

Dublin Airport will have three runways to operate fully for 16 hours a day and will increased ATMs will follow at Dublin Airport. So the 2018 comparison in terms of ATMs is not true and factual . Night time will permit 65 movements on South Runway , in the interest of local residents sleep, health and well-being.

CHAPTER 5

- Consultation as perceived by the applicant to the community/ to the local authority/ the Public.

The applicant Daa give the perception that the community of St Margarets have been engaged with, in the matter of aircraft noise and the impacts considered in their mitigation solution, of a voluntary insulation scheme and voluntary buy out scheme. The term VDIS and VDPS say it all. The homes and lives of residents under the flightpath and parallel to the runways are titled “ dwellings” These “dwellings” are homes, some for 3 generations to the families, who have an identity with the area and rural setting, in the shadow of the airport. Over the last three FDP’s (Fingal Development Plans) St Margarets has been taken off the rural village list in North County Dublin by FCC. In place of RV (rural Village) St Margarets was first changed to RVI status and then Special Policy area, and then included in the Dublin Airport Masterplan, and finally now the St Margarets Special Policy Area. This has evolved over the last twenty- three years in the formation of the FDP with Dublin Airport. (Daa own Dublin Airport) There are currently plans put forward by FCC for the future of the village, as a cultural area, in conjunction with Dunsoghly Castle.

The applicant has always used the media to state, the local community were engaged with and considered in the planning for this new runway.

If we read the press release on the Northside People again on 6th January , two weeks after the applicant applied to breach the conditions on night time restrictions, (Chapter 3 – page 9) and compare it with the words of the CEO on 14th February 2019 – it relates a very different address to the flight path residents:

Whether it is one household or 200 households under the flightpath, I am really sorry for them, I really am, but that is a matter for them”

He also stated “*it was not right that we are not allowed to fly between 6am and 7am” and stating that the M50 is buzzing at that time and so should the airport*”



I can assure the reader, this is very distressing for those adversely affected by the impact of runway 10L-28R then under construction.

Access to Information and Understanding a text book impact.

There was great difficulty in viewing the documents on the planning file, for this application and in receiving them , making it difficult for those adversely affected to receive the planning files. To view the significant data, noise metrics , assumptions, models, noise, projected calculations as best we could, in our limited knowledge of aviation, we had to purchase hard copies to gain some understanding of what is proposed. The cost was substantial as the files uploaded were not in order and impossible to download properly with the vast number of pages per document/documents. This raises the question of easy access to the information, that was so negatively significant , in the future health and well being of adversely affected residents. The actual impact will only be measured when the ATMs commence , and should the night time restrictions be removed will not and cannot be fully realised until then. The Health impacts from studies in Frankfurt and Zurich , where night studies were completed, gives a robust account of those impacts. Daa have used the UK as their comparison which is now outside the EU. Why was Frankfurt or other European airports with a similar comparison not used for data.

The planning permission with 31 conditions was imposed on all parties, and daa , due to their position, with a view of entitlement, have chosen to trample on those Health and well being safeguards put in place for the flight path and parallel runway homes that are adversely affected. This application is about four different and separate airport issues.

1. Removing the night time tranquillity required for sleep and rest, imposed by ABP in 2007. – 8 hours – 2300pm – 0700 am .
2. Introducing the flight paths as part of the runway – this should be a separate planning application.
3. Precursor to application for increasing passenger numbers from 32million to 40 million in 2025. This was originally part of the discussions with FCC and ANCA to be included in this application, but was deferred until 2025, when passenger numbers are due to be at peak again and in anticipation of this planning approval.
4. Introduction of the Noise Quota System instead of ATMs at Dublin Airport. Dublin Airport has no restrictions currently. The operation of the new runway brings into place restrictions for the first time . The NQS is a matter for each airport to implement under the NAO and daa have proposed a cNAO to ANCA to agree upon, when in actual fact, there is no NAO in place and is a requirement to do so by ANCA without the night time restrictions in place per the planning permission document. Daa have proposed this AQS would be reviewed every five years by ANCA and FCC – when there is a limit of a 6 months season placed on QC points, and this is at the discretion of the airport operator, how they are assigned. The AQS is not designed for those under the flightpath or parallel to the runways, as it does not consider the number of SEL's envisaged to cause sleep deprivation and health issues.

Per the words of Mr Basil Gaoghegan, their focus is on the noise of flights NOT the Number of flights. (Oireachtas committee – 20th October before Dept of Transport)

In advance of this application FCC had changed the FDP – 2018 -2023 to introduce “ Land Use Management” as a tool to apply for a “Relevant Action” to remove the night time restrictions. The Land use management was not part of the planning permission and the removal of conditions 3(d) and 5 effectively deems the whole planning permission invalid, if permitted.

FCC in collaboration with daa have devised a VDPS and VDIS without the meaningful and agreed input from those adversely affected, now leaving them with a gun to the head situation, located at the mouth of the roaring airport, when Runway 10L-28R opens for operation. The wording of the conditions relating to the insulation and the Home Buy out were open to interpretation and so, the affected homeowners were excluded and considered collateral damage in the vast economic benefits to the country.

Mr Dalton Philips considered the clear meaning of the wording for Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 as “ ONEROUS but failed to see the ONEROUS nature of the wording on Condition 7 and Condition 9 and so subjected the residents affected with their chosen interpretation . If the conditions were onerous in nature , this application would not be in progress. The Onerous nature of the VDIS and VDPS must be challenged in conjunction with or without this application.

This has been the experience of those affected, with SMCRG – a group of 22 households under the new flightpath, who challenged the planning of the runway in 2004, appealing to ABP and participating in the Oral hearing with UPROAR – Portmarnock Residents. The Inspector recommended refusal of the permission due to the flawed data submitted on aircraft noise, in relation to health of residents. The Board did grant permission following further information and a guarantee from Michael O'Donnell on the night time restrictions, that runway 10L-28R would not be used for scheduled night flights.

In 2016, daa working with FCC devised their VDPS and VDIS and sought an extension of time as the planning was for 10 years. SMCRG sought to participate in this planning request, but were denied, leading to a Judicial Review and S160 (for breach of Condition 12(H) – No Waste Management Plan submitted and signed off) in the Commercial court in October 2017. The Flight Path residents were fully aware daa were preparing to apply to the planning authority to remove the night time restrictions and therefore it was of key importance that participation be permitted in the extension for time.

The setting up of ANCA – as part of FCC was strenuously opposed by the group, on the grounds of conflict of interest, given that daa provide Fingal with the largest revenue. (24%)

Chapter 6

THE SETTING UP OF ANCA AND ITS ROLE

(Extract from EIAR Appendix 13A)

As part of aviation legislation, Directive (EC) 2002/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25th June 2002 relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise, as amended by the Commission Directive (EU) 2015/996 of 19th May 2015 establishing common noise assessment methods.

The regulations are to be known as the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 and came into operation on the 31st December 2018. They require the production of strategic noise maps and set agglomerations, major roads and major airports. They also require the production of subsequent action plans.

The EU introduced EU Regulation 598/2014 in 2016. This repeals 2002/Ec2 which set out procedures and rules for the introduction of noise related operating restrictions to the busiest European airports. This previous regime for managing noise airport noise placed the responsibility with the airport operator. The entry into force in 2016 of EU Regulation 598/2014 represents a shift in responsibility from the airport operator to a separate independent statutory entity or competent authority to oversee the delivery of the new, more prescriptive approach to airport noise management.

NOTE HERE : DAA were responsible for noise management at Dublin Airport.

NOTE: Dublin Airport has enjoyed the monopoly of setting their own standards on aircraft noise and other ground related noise, up to the present day. NOTE : THERE are NO RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

This is set to change with the legislation of the setting up of the ANCA (The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority) which came into place September 2019 as part of the Dublin Airport Aircraft Noise Act 2019.

13A2.5

Regulation (EU) No 598/2014 under Article 5 requires that member states shall ensure that the Balanced Approach is adopted in respect of aircraft noise management at those airports where a noise problem has been identified.

To that end, they shall ensure that the Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) for that airport is identified. To that end, they shall ensure that the Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) for that airport is defined. This then allows the measures available to reduce the noise impact to be identified, and the likely cost-effectiveness of the noise mitigation measures to be thoroughly evaluated.

So here we have the role of ANCA to set up a NAO to be thoroughly evaluated, in parallel to this Relevant Action application to change the night time restrictions.

The applicant is using this planning application to influence ANCA with their cNAO projections and assumptions on planning permission that does not currently exist,

to ignore current and legal grant of planning permission , conditions 3(d) and Condition 5 that clearly breaches what was committed to . All parties were subject to the planning permission set out to be adhered to by ABP in August 2007.

13A.2.6

The Aircraft Noise Act amends the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (PDA) to cater for the situation where development at Dublin Airport may give rise to aircraft noise problem and **where an airport wishes to revoke , amend or replace operating restrictions at the airport.**

13A2.8

The Aircraft Noise Act was enacted 22nd May 2019. It was subsequently amended on 1st September, following the removal of Airport Infrastructure from the Seventh Schedule of the PDA and thus the strategic infrastructure development planning process is no longer applicable to it.

Bill passed and immediately changed all in preparation for this application.

What does this mean – are Flight paths considered part of the infrastructure as they become the responsibility of IAA and ATC (Air Traffic Control) once flights are operational

The amended PDA was put in place by FCC to apply to remove (not replace) Conditions 3(d) and condition 5.

We see in 13A2.8 the Noise act was amended to remove airport Infrastructure for the Seventh Schedule of the PDA and SID planning is no longer applicable to it.

So we see new legislation introduced , through FCC to justify and present a false perception that these conditions 3(d) and condition 5 can just be overturned by the applicant to dictate to the newly set up ANCA – part of FCC to present a future CAO as being legal and acceptable.

What is missing here is, the voice of those homeowners, who funded and attended the oral hearing in 2006 - who had to accept the grant of permission with 16 hrs of scheduled flights on the North Runway and look forward to at least 8 hours sleep and rest time from 11pm to 7am in the morning – night time per WHO (World Health Organisation).

13A2.9

FCC have been designated as the competent authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport by Section 3(1) of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulations At 2019 .

The words of the ANCA Director Ethne Fenton.

There are a few misunderstandings about our function - primarily we are not deciders of whether planning permission for development is granted or refused to Dublin Airport “

The DAA , who are the managers of Dublin Airport pay for the running of the Authority”

This says it all – ANCA have no teeth in respect of the development and noise management of Dublin Airport - therefore just another organised body to get around the European Regulations. DAA will dictate the standards and regulations to the detriment of those most adversely affected.

This legislation, the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019, allows for the airport to apply for a Relevant Action **to amend, revoke or replace operating restrictions**. The 2016 consultations made clear that daa would seek a review of Condition 3d and 5. The main focus of the consultations at that time was proposals on runway use and flight paths, and related effects (including noise) and mitigation measures.

The wording used is very important here - There conditions are being REMOVED

The permission to remove – revoke Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 is a matter of opinion by Daa and seek to impress upon us that is permitted and acceptable. The fact is , it is not as the health and well-being of this small population is potentially and significantly compromised.

Our members along with other community members attended every single Dail session in relation to the EU598/2014 Directive and were assured by Minister Shane Ross , Minister of Transport, that the concerns and welfare of the residents would be paramount. So concerned were residents that separate meetings with Department of Transport officials to copper fasten this guarantee , took place at Government Buildings This was also attended by Darragh O'Brien, now Minister for Housing. It was clearly stated at that meeting that the directly impacted homeowners would be priority , and actioned first , before any changes to the night time restrictions were progressed. (This meeting took place 3 days after the Variation No 1 was voted on twice in the Council Chambers and passed on the second vote.)

This was prompted, by the fact that Fingal County Council were appointed as the new Aircraft Competent Authority , and to be set up as a separate entity , within Fingal County Council .

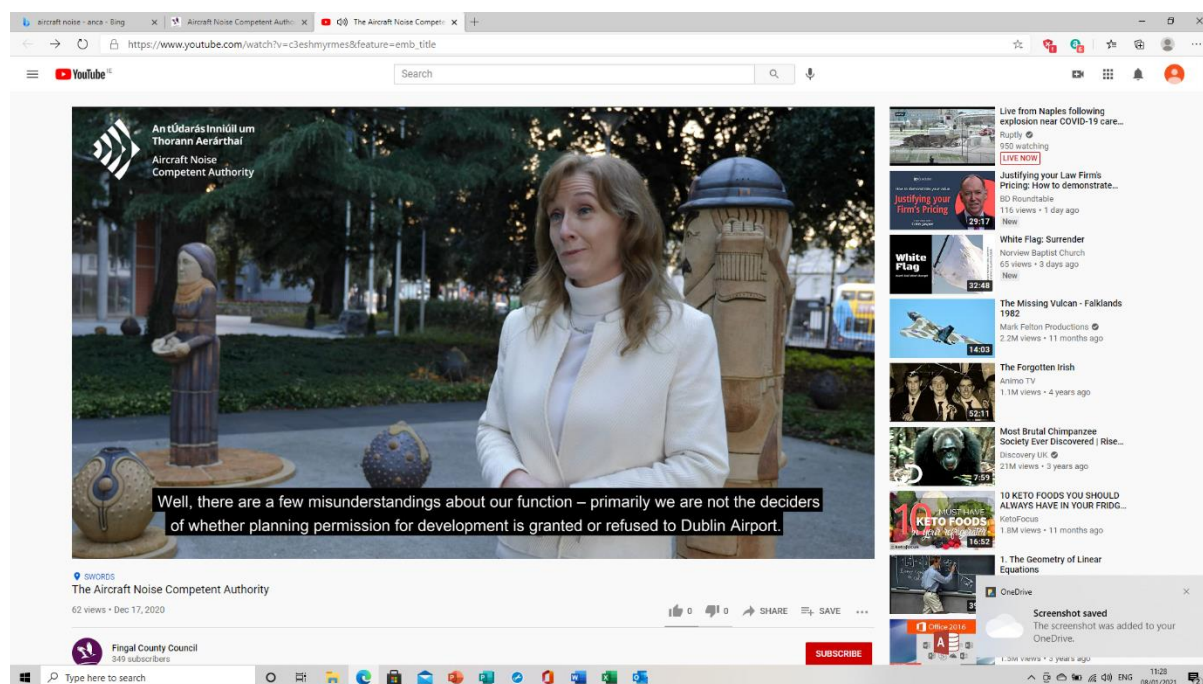
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Also noted, Fingal County staff were transferred to the new entity. The independence of the role of this new department within Fingal County Council was and is still, in question for every adversely affected homeowner under the flightpath and this has not been proved to date. This is from experience of exclusion of the most affected homeowners, with Fingal County Council planning department and daa, previously Aer Rianta, since the 1960s. Then following the South Fingal Fringe Study, in 1997 DAA have been in control of achieving all planning permissions required by piece meal planning, with a strategy of (JIT – Just in time) approach, for all airport projects.

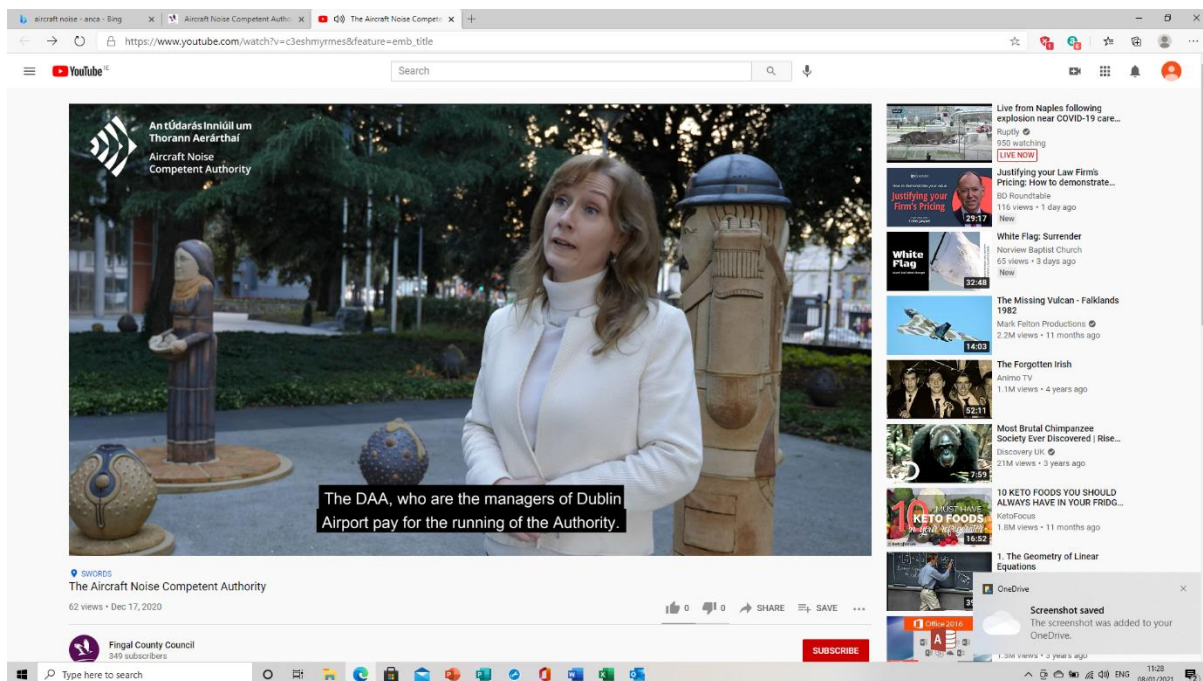
It must be noted DAA fund ANCA (Aircraft Noise Competent Authority) and ANCA do not have the power to grant or reject planning permission. That is the role of Fingal County Council who benefit from 24% of their revenue from Dublin Airport. (per the planning report submitted)

This is confirmed from the words of the New Anca Director -Ethne Fenton, on the Fingal County Council Website.

“ There are a few misunderstandings about our function - primarily we are not deciders of whether planning permission for development is granted or refused to Dublin Airport “



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It is DAA who are the applicant , looking for this planning .

Extract from EIS

In compliance with the **Aarhus Convention**, public participation has been a part of the **North Runway Project** which includes the construction phase and the planning process relating to proposals to change the runway operating conditions. A guide to the requirements of the Convention was published by UNECE in 2014 entitled The Aarhus Convention: An Implementation Guide. The Aarhus Convention sets down basic rules to promote the involvement of the public in environmental matters and to improve the enforcement of environmental law. **The European Union has been a party to the Aarhus Convention since May 2005 and the Aarhus Convention is now an integral part of the EU legal order.** Ireland ratified the Aarhus Convention in June 2012. The provisions of the Aarhus Convention are divided into three pillars as follows:

- **Access to Environmental Information:** the right of members of the public to request environmental information that is held by public bodies and these bodies are obliged to maintain this information. The Access to Information pillar has been implemented in EU Directive 2003/4/EC on Public Access to Environmental Information and in Ireland by the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2014
- **Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making:** the right of the public to participate in decision making in environmental matters and for public authorities to enable the public to comment on proposals which affect the environment. Article 6 of the Aarhus Convention sets out detailed rules governing public participation in decision making involving the activities listed in Annex I to the Convention and activities that are not listed in the Annex but may have a significant effect on the environment. In the European Union, this part of the Aarhus Convention has been implemented by Directive 2003/35/EC on public participation (Directive, inter alia, the Consolidated EIA Directive 2011/92/EU). The requirements of the Public Participation Directive have been transposed into Irish law, including the integration of its requirements into the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- **Access to Justice:** the right of members of the public to review procedures to challenge decisions relating to the environment, made by public bodies or private persons that have been made without regard to the two aforementioned pillars of the Convention. The consultation approach for the North Runway project was drawn up in the context of the three pillar concepts and aimed to ensure that the public participation activities devised for the project were accessible, meaningful and accountable. To achieve this the Applicant adopted a wide variety of communications methods and tools and further details on these are outlined in Section 5.4 below.

The grant of planning for the North Runway by Fingal County Council in 2004 , resulted in an Oral hearing , following the very significant concerns of flight path residents, in St Margarets and Portmarnock in 2006 funding their own costs. We were unable to obtain the outlay of costs by DAA but we do know that the outlay by FCC was €172,549 without final costs finalised. This was tax payers money and effectively as taxpayers we the participants were funding this hearing on behalf of the council and applicants. At the end of a 2 week hearing, the ABP Inspector recommended refusal for the runway permission, on the basis of data submitted by daa, and in consideration of the WHO guidelines for the health and wellbeing of the homeowners under the runway. Following additional information, and consent by DAA (Mr Michael O Donnell) the planning was granted.

DAA agreed that no night flights would be permitted on the new runway and the current runway would reduce to 65 movements, on the opening and operation of the new runway. This runway would not have been granted without this consent.

It is important to highlight the point , SMCRG did apply to ABP for recoup costs, and discuss the conditions – particularly Condition 7 and 9 which were “onerous”

The setting up of ANCA – a prescriptive body under the payroll of Daa ,gives no confidence to us , adversely affected , this body will not give a balanced approach to the noise problem this

RELEVANT ACTION is seeking for us, under the flight path and parallel to the runways. It will in reality give the airport operation full monopoly to do as they want.

DAA have used this so called “ Relevant Action “ as part of the original planning permission to cover three issues.

1. Remove Conditions 3(d) and Condition 5.
2. As the paymaster, daa , direct ANCA in setting up the NAO per their perceived entitlement to include the removal of the night time restrictions, remove the conditions , which is not part of the current grant of permission , with their proposals, assumptions , projections and leaving behind those also impacted in the current permission F04A/1755 .
3. Ensure the restrictions that will be imposed and drafted by ANCA, following the set up of the NAO will have the least number of restrictions for the operators at Dublin Airport.
4. Each Union Airport sets up its own NAP and NAO and report to the EU. – as part of the END. This is being directed by daa, funding ANCA and collaborating with FCC. This is a long term plan for the future and expected application in 2025 to exceed 32 million passengers and increase to 40MPPA.

We appeal to ANCA to view the information received in this application , in its entirety and place yourselves in the kitchen of our homes , and balance the economic rationale with the human cost, to us, the loss of our control over our homes and our futures , should the removal of Condition 3(d) and 5 be permitted and a NAO put in place that ignores the true SEL – LAMAX that will bombard us night and day. Should these night time restrictions be removed, this will place a small number of specific homes and families in a cul de- sac limbo.

ANCA must be stand over their decision to include every person, and every household under the flight paths and between and parallel to the runways.

CHAPTER 7

THE DUAL APPROACH TO SET UP A NAO AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION. – WITH CANDIDATE NAO PROVIDED BY DAA

The EIAR is really a quantity surveyors report to ANCA and FCC , with the entitled assumption that Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 will receive the permission from ANCA and FCC. The detailed EIAR, which is a complex document , full of graphs, charts, assumptions and projections.

It is very difficult for the ordinary , educated person to understand. It has taken hundreds of hours and consumed us , in understanding the contents , to a level to allow us to produce this submission.

The fact we are in Covid times , has denied us the access to meeting, discussing and requesting power point presentations that explain the key points and the significant and detrimental impacts this proposal sets out in a language that is not user friendly.

While the EIAR covers the current planning to a lesser degree, it focuses on the removal of the conditions 3(d) and 5 putting forward facts and figures to fall within the broad regulations under the EU Directive and the END.

The END (European Noise Directive) places the responsibility on each union airport to produce their own NAP and CAO as airports are all different. This gives freedom to each airport to compile the noise management and development , once the local authority and respective ANCA – Airport Noise Competent Authority are in agreement. This is then covered under the EU Noise Regulations - **Again back to our words from Basil Geoghegan – focus is on the noise not the number of flights.**

This application has a dual approach , to remove Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 as if already a fait of complete (already in the bag) already in place, before the runway opens for operation, and set up the limited restrictions going forward to use for 24 hours a day.

As affected homeowners, we are fully aware of the daa strategy to use stepping and incremental planning applications to achieve a significant and potential devastating impact on flight path residents and those parallel to the runways.

This subject is also covered in other chapters as it interacts with the Insulation and proposed VDPS put forward, and agreed by daa, FCC and now before ANCA to review. Note the affected homeowners were not consulted on the framework of these schemes and excluded from any meaningful and significant engagement.

CHAPTER 8

FLIGHTPATHS

Runway Usage.

Table 3: Future Runway Usage Once the North Runway is constructed and operational Dublin Airport will operate during the daytime (07:00 – 23:00) in accordance with Conditions 3a-3c per the mode of operation Option 7b, as detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, Section 16 as received by the planning authority on the 9th day of August, 2005.

This provides that:

(a) the parallel runways (10R-28L and 10L-28R) shall be used in preference to the cross runway, 16-34,

(b) when winds are westerly, Runway 28L shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. Either Runway 28L or 28R shall be used for departing aircraft as determined by air traffic control, (c) when winds are easterly, either Runway 10L or 10R as determined by air traffic control shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. Runway 10R shall be preferred for departing aircraft, and except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports. In practice it is expected that, unless capacity requires mixed mode, the runways will operate in segregated mode during the day with arrivals using either Runway 10L or Runway 28L and departures using either Runway 10R or Runway 28R depending on wind direction. The few movements by Code F aircraft are an exception to this, as they will always use the North Runway. It is also proposed that departures by Category A & B aircraft heading south during westerly operations will use the South Runway, and those heading north during easterly operations will use the North Runway. A method of determining mixed mode runway usage on the main runways (North and South) for modelling purposes has been developed. The modelled runway usage has been determined on an hourly basis. Most of the time the runways will operate in segregated mode, i.e. one runway for all arrivals, the other for all departures.

However, there will be occasions during peak hours when runways will need to operate in mixed mode, i.e. both runways used simultaneously for arrivals and departures. The change from segregated to mixed mode and back to segregated mode will be determined by ATC and once changed to a particular mode the airport is likely to operate in that mode for at least two hours.

Activity switches from segregated mode to mixed mode where activity is such that any of the three following single runway capacity limits are exceeded: 1. More than 35 arrivals in one hour. 2. More than 44 departures in one hour. 3. More than 48 movements (combined arrivals and departures) on one runway in one hour. In mixed mode, where each individual runway handles both arrivals and departures, departures will operate using the compass departure principle. This means that if a departure is using a route that turns to the north then the North Runway will be used, and conversely if it is using a route that turns to the south, the South Runway will be used. For westerly operations when in mixed mode as few arrivals as possible will use 28R, while not exceeding the single runway capacity limit of 48 combined arrivals and departures on runway 28L. For easterly operations when in mixed mode as few arrivals as possible will use 10R, while not exceeding the single runway capacity limit of 48 combined arrivals and departures on runway 10L.

When using the North Runway most aircraft will not use the full length on departure, and instead join the runway from the 1st intermediate taxiway. The exception are Code E and Code F aircraft, which will typically use the full runway length. All departures on the existing South Runway will use the full runway length. During the night-time period (23:00 – 07:00)

for scenarios based on what is currently permitted the South Runway is the preferred runway.

It is worth noting the level of aircraft ATM envisaged on the two runways 35 arrivals and 44 departures in one hour, will then switch to segregated mode – that is 79 movement in 1 hour, 60 minutes – more than one every minute. Code F are the larger aircraft and will use the new North Runway – these will use the new flight path and subject residents under the flightpath to higher levels of SEL and Lafmax aircraft noise levels.

Code F are the larger aircraft and therefore noisier with increased db levels - LAFMAX and SEL.

Flight Paths

“Alternative flight path divergence were assessed, and these are included within the ‘Alternative Processes – Chapter 4 Reasonable Alternative considered. - Aecom Non Tech. Summary EIA

- *Alternative flight paths : departing aircraft follow specific paths at take-off*

The Aircraft Noise Regulation 568 Assessment identified that the scenario with the lowest number of people exposed to change that potentially cause significant adverse effects caused by the change in noise levels is Scenario 2.

Scenario 2

06.00 – 23.59 When winds are westerly Runway 28L shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. (coming in over Malahide, Portmarnock side) Either Runway 28L or 28R shall be used for departing aircraft as determined by air traffic control. (taking off over St Margarets)

When winds are easterly, either Runway 10L or 10R as determined by air traffic control shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. (Blowing from Malahide side) either runway 10L or 10R as determined by air traffic control shall be preferred for arriving aircraft.

Runway 10L shall be preferred for departing aircraft

This means that most of the Aircraft take off will take place on 10L - flight path over St Margarets.

2.5 Flight Routes

2.5.1 Flight Routes – Current Airport Layout

For the main runway arriving aircraft have been modelled as using a continuous descent approach with a glide slope of 3 degrees. Based on an analysis of radar data in 2018, approaching aircraft are generally lined up with the extended centreline of the runway at least 17km from the runway threshold. Consequently the main runway approach routes have been modelled as straight out to this point. Before this point arrivals are modelled using 7 routes which cover the broad swathe of directions that the arriving aircraft approach from. The modelled current arrival routes are shown in pink on Figure DR033.

Category **A & B Aircraft** – Departures The IAA have stipulated that Category A & B aircraft, which are predominantly turboprops such as the ATR 72, are not required to remain within the existing environmental corridors to the same extent as the larger jet aircraft types. They therefore commonly turn off the extended runway centreline to the north or south shortly after the end of the runway. A review of radar tracks for recent activity has resulted in a set of routes for these aircraft types shown in red on Figure DR033.

We are those homes and households adversely affected by the new flightpaths associated with 10L-28R and also the current flightpaths and the associated noise and sleep disturbance this will bring. Not required to remain within the existing environmental corridors to the same extent as the larger jet aircraft types - SEL affect on sleeping households.

Category **C & D Aircraft** – Departures Currently the airport has a total of 11 Standard Instrument Departure (SID) routes for westerly operations and 10 for easterly operations, although in both cases a number are initially the same before separating some distance from the airport. As the point at which they separate is distant from Dublin Airport, the aircraft will have attained sufficient height to not cause significant noise disturbance on the ground by this point. Given this similarity, for noise modelling purposes a set of seven initial departure routes have been created from the western end and four initial departure routes from the eastern end. For departures during periods of easterly operations the INKUR and SUROX routes initially follow the ROTEV route until well beyond the extent of the noise contours, therefore all movements that head north west after their initial turn have been assigned to ROTEV, along with the movements that head north. Additionally the PELIG route is initially the same as the NEPOD route, therefore both PELIG and NEPOD movements have been assigned to NEPOD.

For Category C & D aircraft, which are jet engine aircraft, these routes have been supplemented for departures to the west by routes that turn earlier, although not as early as Category A & B aircraft routes. This assumption originally arose from a detailed study of radar data from 2010, which found that many of the larger aircraft on runway 28 actually performed their initial turn earlier than described by the SIDs. This is because after reaching an altitude of 3000 ft, they are vectored off by ATC. Two additional 'Early Turn' routes were therefore created for each route with initial turns to the north, south, or east, i.e. the ROTEV, NEPOD, LIFFY and DEXEN routes. Traffic has been distributed equally between the three turning points, the two early turns and the SID, for each route. Recent radar data has been reviewed and these assumptions are still considered to be appropriate for current activity at Dublin Airport.

The modelled current Category C & D routes are shown in blue on Figure DR033. This approach is in accordance with EU 2015/996 which states that "The backbone track defines the centre of the swathe of tracks followed by aircraft using a particular routeing. For the purposes of aircraft noise modelling it is defined either (i) by prescriptive operational data such as the instructions given to pilots in AIPs, or (ii) by statistical analysis of radar data as explained in Section 2.7.9 — when this is available and appropriate to the needs of the modelling study." 2.5.2 Flight Routes

70% of take offs will occur over St Margarets, with Millhead, Kilreesk experiencing SEL and LAfMAX levels of 80db to 90db as aircraft take off into the wind .

The winds are predominantly westerly around Dublin Airport.

The flightpaths of the runway come under the IAA (Irish Aviation Authority) and the ATC (Air Traffic Control) so therefore the daa can abdicate responsibility for aircraft noise and sleep disturbance, as is the current case with the current south runway, if these night time restrictions are removed.

North Runway Airport Layout

Aircraft have been modelled as approaching along a glide slope of 3 degrees. Arrival routes for the existing South Runway have been modelled the same as the current routes. Arrival routes have been created for the North Runway which broadly replicate those for the South Runway. The modelled arrival routes based on the future North Runway airport layout are shown on Figures DR034 and DR035.

Category A & B Aircraft – Departures Once the North Runway is in use Category A & B aircraft will continue to turn off the extended runway centreline shortly after the end of the runway, however they will not be allowed to turn across the other runway. A new set of departure routes has therefore been developed for Category A & B aircraft. From the southern runway this replicates the current routes, but with no turns to the north. For the North Runway the routes have been designed to replicate the current routes to a large extent but with no turns to the south as shown in Figures DR034 and DR035.

Category C & D Aircraft – (Jet Engines) Departures For Category C & D aircraft a number of the modelled routes have been used to represent more than one of the SIDs, so combining the traffic on some of the SIDs onto a single modelled route. The departure routes to the west are supplemented by early turn routes, similar to the current routes. In order to achieve a safe minimum separation between flights from the two main runways, when both are in operation, departure routes have been used which include a course divergence of at least 15°. This means that the departure routes from the two main runways differ in course (head in different directions) by at least 15°. A set of departure routes from the North Runway has been developed, taking into account the resulting noise. The result is routes with an early turn to the north. When heading east all of the routes turn 15° at 1.06nm from the end of the runway. When heading to the west the routes to DEXEN, INKUR, NEPOD, PELIG and SUROX turn 30°, while those to ABBEY and ROTEV turn 75°, all at 1.18nm from the end of the runway. The departures on the South Runway continue along the extended runway centreline before turning. The modelled current Category C & D routes are shown in blue on Figures DR034 and DR035. This approach is in accordance with EU 2015/996 which states that “In many cases is not possible to model flight paths on the basis of radar data — because the necessary resources are not available or because the scenario is a future one for which there are no relevant radar data. In the absence of radar data, or when its use is inappropriate, it is necessary to estimate the flight paths on the basis of operational guidance material

Necessary resources are not available to model flight paths on the basis of radar data , the scenario is a future one - so assumptions made in this case which will adversely affect those under the flight path.

Note the above.

2.5.3 Dispersion Aircraft on departure are allocated a route to follow. In practice, this route is not followed precisely by all aircraft allocated to this route. The actual pattern of departing aircraft is dispersed about the route's centreline. The degree of dispersion is normally a function of the distance travelled by an aircraft along the route after take-off and also on the form of the route. When considering many departures, it is commonly found that the spread of aircraft approximates to a "normal distribution" pattern, the shape or spread of which will vary with distance along the route. (Don't turn off until reaching 3000ft at least)

2.5.4- Route Usage

The actual aircraft movement logs for years that have already occurred provide destination airports for each departure movement. This has been combined with an assessment that has been carried out of which departure route is used for each destination which utilise the direction it is from Dublin. The forecasts for future years generally include departure route information for each movement, which has been used. Where departure route information is not available, a departure route has been assigned based on the destination airport.

2.7- AEDT Validation Results from the Dublin Airport Noise and Track Keeping (NTK) system have been used for noise validation purposes. Specifically, the results from Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMTs) 1, 2 and 20 between January and December 2018 have been used. The noise levels from the monitors are automatically correlated with aircraft movements using the radar track keeping system and the average determined by aircraft type and operation. A number of parameters are measured by the system, for this validation the Sound Exposure Level (SEL) of the individual aircraft movements has been used. To take into account the measured levels the AEDT software has been used to predict the level at the NMT locations using the recommended AEDT aircraft type. This has been compared to the measured averages for the aircraft types when separately arriving and departing. Where the differences between the measured and predicted results were found to be significant then adjustments were made to the modelling to minimise the differences. Seventeen aircraft have had modifications made to their arrival and departure noise assumptions. The modifications are detailed in Table 4 below.

Aircraft Type Arrivals Departures AEDT Type Adjustment (dB) AEDT Type Profile Adjustment (dB)

A306 A300-622R -3.1 A300-622R 30KFT +0.6 A319 A319-131 -1.4 A319-131 30KFT +0.9 A320 A320-211 -0.7 A320-211 USER -1.3 A320neo A320-211 -2.0 A320-211 USER -3.2 A321 A321-232 -0.4 A321-232 USER -0.5 A332 A330-301 -1.3 A330-301 30KFT -1.1 A333 A330-301 -1.1 A330-301 30KFT -0.8 ATR72 SD330 +1.5 SD330 STANDARD[2] +0.1 B734 737400 +0.4 737400 30KFT -0.1 B738 737800 -2.7 737800 USER -1.2 B738MAX

737800 USER -1.2 B738MAX 7878max -3.0 7378max USER -1.5 B752 757RR -0.4 757RR 30KFT -2.3 B772 777200 +0.2 777200 30KFT +1.5 B773 777300 -0.8 777300 30KFT -2.4 B787 7878R -0.3 7878R 30KFT +0.1 E190 EMB190 -0.8 EMB190 30KFT +0.5 RJ85 BAE146 -3.3 BAE146 STANDARD[2] -1.6 DH4[1] SD330 0 DHC6 STANDARD[2] 0 [1]

The issue for residents is the SEL noise levels experienced in close proximity of the flight paths which is overlooked and disregarded in the Planning report and not addressed.

The proposal of a noise quota system does not equate with actual noise from an aircraft and cannot be considered as like with like when you are woken from sleep or prevented for going to sleep. . The data is generated from the aircraft manufacturers as a baseline. The issue for residents is the SEL noise levels experienced in close proximity of the flight paths which is overlooked and disregarded in the Planning report.

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Condition 3 and 5 clearly state:

3(d) Runway 10L-28R shall not be used for take-off or landing between 2300hours and 0700 hours, except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports.

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Reason: In the interest of clarity and to ensure the operation of the runways in accordance with the mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Impact Statement in the interest of the **protection of the amenities of the surrounding area.**

The proposed “ Relevant Action “ removes this protection of the amenities of the surrounding area.

Response from daa – abdicating responsibility for the night time disturbance.

The Environmental Corridor (noise preferential route) for departing aircraft using Runway 28 extends from the end of the runway in a straight line out to 5 nautical miles and has a height of 3,000ft. The corridor has a width of 180 metres at the runway end extending to 1,800m at 5 nautical miles. This means that an airliner departing Runway 28 must stay within the corridor until it achieves an altitude of 3,000ft. Once this altitude has been achieved aircraft may leave the corridor with the permission of air traffic control and route to their exit point from Irish Airspace.

Your complaint of the 21/07/2020 was the rescue helicopter and are involved in rescue missions 24/7 so don't fall under the normal environmental corridor restrictions.

The Irish Aviation Authority's Air Traffic Control Service makes the decision on what runway is to be used based on meteorological conditions at the time, usually wind direction and strength. For safety reasons aircraft must land and take off into the wind. Dublin Airport is licensed by the Irish Aviation Authority to operate twenty four hours a day and therefore there is no cut off time for flights using the airport.

All aircraft arriving and departing Dublin Airport come under the direction of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) who design the airspace, provide air traffic control services in Ireland and it is they who are responsible for the routing of aircraft. Nonetheless, we in Dublin Airport have regular meetings with the Irish Aviation Authority to continuously review the track keeping of aircraft in the vicinity of the airport.

Your complaints have been logged in our noise database. The reduction of aircraft noise on neighbouring communities is the joint responsibility of the airport authority, Irish Aviation Authority and the airlines that operate at Dublin Airport. I can assure you that we take concerns regarding aircraft noise very seriously and strive to do all we can to minimise any adverse impact on both the communities and the environment by the operation of Dublin Airport. In that regard we welcome all feedback concerning aircraft noise.

This response confirms the following;

- Dublin Airport is licensed by the Irish Aviation Authority to operate twenty four hours a day and therefore there is no cut off time for flights using the airport.
- All aircraft arriving and departing Dublin Airport come under the direction of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) who design the airspace, provide air traffic control services in Ireland and it is they who are responsible for the routing of aircraft
- So we then note the response:
- Nonetheless, we in Dublin Airport have regular meetings with the Irish Aviation Authority to continuously review the track keeping of aircraft in the vicinity of the airport.
- I can assure you that we take concerns regarding aircraft noise very seriously and strive to do all we can to minimise any adverse impact on both the communities and the environment by the operation of Dublin Airport. In that regard we welcome all feedback concerning aircraft noise.

Lately, the responses have been changed to “ Dear Complainant “ Our experience here in St Margarets, the issue of Aircraft noise is not of importance to daa. It is easy to spread and place the responsibility on other aviation and local authority bodies.

We have experienced this over the years where daa state issues are for FCC and FCC state issues are for DAA the Dublin Airport Operators or the IAA or ATC. So as humans on the ground, those adversely affected are disregarded in truth with text book responses to concerns raised, since 1997

The reduction of aircraft noise on neighbouring communities is the joint responsibility of the airport authority, Irish Aviation Authority and the airlines that operate at Dublin Airport

Joint responsibility does not work for residents under the flight path who are not given any priority in this grant of planning permission and proposed removal of condition 3(D) and condition 5.

While the Inspector recommended refusal of planning for North Runway, in 2006, the Board however, acknowledged the impacts on the local residents and imposed the night time restrictions as a necessity to protect the residential households, under the flightpaths, in the interest of health and well-being. Night time per the WHO is 1100 to 0700 am

This is being totally disregarded in this application with mitigation tools that are not bespoke to the real time position of those affected.

Should this “Relevant Action “ be granted to DAA the residents under the flight path will be become permanently irrelevant . There can be validated with further proof for another forum.

Action 5
Request daa to undertake a review of Departure Noise Abatement Procedures and to publish the findings

Subset
Noise Abatement Operating Procedures

Progress
Draft report on NADP completed by DAP with final recommendations being compiled for planned issue in Q3 2021.

Exrtracts from the Noise Action Plan

This is part of the NAP and details should be available to us, per the current planning permission as operations are at currently.

Subset

Noise Abatement Operating Procedures

Progress

daa monitor Engine Ground Running, Preferential Runway Use and Departures Procedures. This is publicly reported on the daa website and via the Annual Compliance report. The monitoring and reporting of Reverse thrust and Take Off Climb Procedures (NADP) is currently under review subject to determining the technology requirements being determined and implemented.

Again with the evidence of lack of priority for those on the ground beside the runways and under the flightpaths – how will this be monitored with confidence from those adversely affected.

Action 10

Engage proactively with communities through the Dublin Airport Environment Working Group (DAEWG) and the St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group

Subset

Monitoring & Community Engagement

Progress

Due to Covid restrictions, these community meetings now take place electronically. The DAEWG meets on a quarterly basis (March, June, September, and November), and CLG meets bimonthly (February, April, May, July, September, and December). In addition, special briefings relating to specific issues of interest to local communities also take place. When easement of restrictions permit, Dublin Airport's bimonthly drop-in clinics at local venues will resume, but in the interim, ongoing engagement continues via our dedicated freephone and email.

There has been no face to face meetings , since before Covid. In the interim the applicant lodged their application to remove the night time restrictions and change the planning permission . The residents and their representative are conveniently shut out, to permit the applicant to proceed , with no meaningful engagement in place now or from the lodging of the original planning F04A/1755 in 2004.

Subset
Monitoring & Community Engagement

Progress

Noise contours produced for 2018 and 2019. This information will be made publicly available via the daa website. Ongoing annual Noise reports will be completed.

WHILE COVID HAS IMPACTED ON US ALL , IT HAS BEEN THE BLESSING IN DISGUISE FOR DAA TO AVOID ENGAGEMENT WITH ST MARGARETS RESIDENTS AND ADDRESS THEIR ISSUES.

THE NOISE CONTOURS CANNOT BE RELIED UPON WITH 15 DIFFERENT NOISE MEASUREMENT METRICS USED IN THE EIAR. EACH ONE HAS A SPECIFIC MEANING AND CAN BE USED OR NOT USED IN PRODUCING NOISE CONTOURS.

Noise contours are a factual tool based on computer based predictions of noise generation involving various variables including numbers of movements, mix of aircraft types, patterns of runway usage and flight paths.

If any of these variables are changed, then the contours will change.

The Noise Zones represented on the Fingal Development Plan are purely a development control tool designed to minimise conflicts between airport operations and new developments. They are based on a scenario of mixed use of both east-west runways. A different scenario would generate different contours

THIS IS THE EXPLANATION WE RECEIVED FROM DAA ON THE LODGEMENT OF THE PLANNING APPLICATION F04A/1755

A FACTURAL BASED TOOL , PREDICTIONS INVOLVING VARIOUS VARIABLES, INCLUDING NUMBER OF ATMS, MIX OF AIRCRAFT AND PATTERNS OF RUNWAY USAGE AND FLIGHT PATHS .

PURELY A DEVELOPMENT TOOL DESIGNED TO MINIMISE CONFLICTS BETWEEN AIRPORT OPERATORS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS .

So it is quite clear the contours are based on data input into the computers and produces a result best suited to the needs of the operator and misleading in terms of what the human ear hears at 2am in the morning or 5.45 am or 11.45 pm when attempting to sleep.

Action 11

Promote the enhancement of the Noise Flight Track System to include where appropriate additional fixed and/or mobile noise monitoring terminals

Subset

Monitoring & Community Engagement

Progress

daa are currently in the process of completing a Noise Flight Track Monitoring System upgrade to ANOMS. Expected completion by 3/5/21 with additional capabilities to be brought online over the short to medium term. A Noise Monitoring Terminal expansion that accounts for the Northern Runway is currently being developed based on the Departure and Arrival paths for the new runway (SIDS & STARS). Expected completion of the study and commencement of placement is expected before end of 2021.

Extract from the NAP states that the Noise Flight Track Monitoring System will be upgraded and this has occurred. How can we be confident that the factual and correct information is available to the viewer and those adversely impacted. We do not have confidence in this system.

Review of Current NPR corridors

Work is currently ongoing to validate the noise corridors currently set up within the DAP NFTMS for the existing runways. This validation is using the EIDW as the reference document. This states that:

Cat C and D aircraft using Runways 28L, 16 and 34 shall operate within environmental corridors which are based on runway take-off flight path areas. The corridors have a width of 180 M at the departure end of the clearway, diverging at 12.5% on each side to a maximum width of 1800 M, and extending in length to 5 NM from the point of origin. The corridors extend vertically from surface to 3000 ft AMSL.

The corridors apply for departures from each runway and for approaches to the reciprocal runway, except for circling approaches.

25TH OCTOBER 2016 – PUBLIC MEETING – GAA CENTRE ST MARGARETS.

Flight Track Monitoring for new runway with options and preferences put forward by daa's consultants. This was the first time the true impact of aircraft and take off and landings would impose upon Millhead, and Kilreesk with consultants indicating levels of 80-90db . There was significant inconsistencies with the noise experts present - with contours v LDEN and LAfmax over our homes. It was stated by the experts the sound insulation will not work.

At a special CLG meeting in the Maldron Hotel on 10th November 2016,

DAA with FCC presented their dual VDPS and VDIS which was the first time , we were informed of its formation.

DAA and FCC utilised this meeting to present the final details , agreed and formulated by DAA and FCC to sign off on Conditions 7 and Conditions 9 on the VDPS and VDIS. F

Following up on the Flight Paths meeting with their options and preferences, we requested the Longitudinal data, to align with what the noise consultants had stated on 25th October, and this was not available.

This was continuously requested at the CLG meetings and denied and only presented to the Secretary and Chair of SMCRG on 31st October , 2018 .

Longitudinal data will be part of our noise and health section. Document attached as part of the Appendices.

RFI 119 - CDA Monitoring

Introduction to CDA

CDA refers to Continuous Descent Approach – this is a method of aircraft approach used by airlines operating at airports that is designed to minimize the environmental impact of arrival operations. Operations are in violation of this procedure when they fly distances of level flight that exceed the criteria, on approach to the airport.

Dublin Airport is currently in the process of reviewing and validating the criteria to facilitate CDA monitoring and have implemented CDA rules in line with international best practice into ANOMS. A trial period of implementation will be completed over Q2-Q3 2021 that will advise engagement with relevant stakeholders and interested parties ahead of implementation.

As the EIAR and additional information was lodged in September , this information needs to be added so that ANCA can fully assess the facts , and the real impact on flight path residents. in relation to the operation of the runways - 16hrs a day and for 65 ATMS on the South Runway.

CDA Rules to be applied for trial period

Operations are deemed to have incurred a CDA violation when they fly more than 1 segment of level flight on approach to the airport. In the UK, at the three South East Airports, Heathrow, Gatwick, and Stansted, ANOMS has been used to measure CDA since circa 2005. The image below shows a copy, in the Dublin system, of the rules used in the three airports. Pending review and validation of the rules the trial period detailed above will be implemented with these limits and thresholds. The CDA rules will be applied to all runway approaches with the intent to provide high level overall and individual runway compliance levels. Adjustment over the trial period may be required to facilitate operational constraints.

The ANOMS system will process all arrival operations for the airport against the proposed CDA rules detailed above to determine if a CDA has occurred. Details will be stored within the ANOMS database, from where the relevant metrics and reports can be generated to advise aviation stakeholder engagement following the trial period completion. Agreed rules will only be applied to ANOMS following this stakeholder engagement for all current operational runway approaches and North Runway.

This should be explained in simple details to our impacted residents. It is too technical in nature to understand for the ordinary resident.

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A320 Aircraft. – SEL 80 db and 90DB Departure Runway 28L – NADP Assessment.

Flight Routes – Current Situation

- 13B.3.28 For the Crosswind Runway straight arrival routes have been used with a set of modelled departure routes for Category A & B and Category C & D aircraft, which have been developed based on the published SIDs.
- 13B.3.29 For the South Runway, based on an analysis of radar data in 2018, approaching aircraft are generally lined up with the extended centreline of the runway at least 17 km from the runway threshold. Consequently, the South Runway approach routes have been modelled as straight out to this point. Before this point arrivals are modelled using 7 routes which cover the broad swathe of directions that the arriving aircraft approach from. Flights have been equally distributed between the 7 routes. The modelled current arrival routes are shown in pink on Figure 13B-2.
- 13B.3.30 For departures on the South Runway, the current routes used vary with aircraft type and destination.

We note there are 7 routes that cover the broad swathe of directions that the arriving aircraft approach from. Flights have been equally distributed between the 7 routes.

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- 3B.3.31 Category A & B aircraft, which are predominantly turboprops such as the ATR 72, are not required by the IAA to remain within the existing environmental corridors to the same extent as the larger jet aircraft types. They therefore commonly turn off the extended runway centreline to the north or south shortly after the end of the runway. A review of radar tracks for recent activity has resulted in a set of routes for these aircraft types shown in red on Figure 13B-2.
- 3B.3.32 Currently the airport has a total of 11 Standard Instrument Departure (SID) routes for westerly operations and 10 for easterly operations, although in both cases a number are initially the same until after they have left the study area. Given this similarity, for noise modelling purposes a set of seven initial departure routes have been created from the western end and four initial departure routes from the eastern end. Table 13B-14 shows which route has been used to model each SID and gives the initial direction of the routes.

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Table 13B-14: Departure Routes Used to Model SIDs

SID	Modelled Route		Initial Direction
	Westerly Operations	Easterly Operations	
BAMLI	ROTEV	ROTEV	North
BEPAN	NEPOD	NEPOD	South
DEXEN	DEXEN	DEXEN	East
INKUR	INKUR	ROTEV	West
LIFFY	LIFFY	LIFFY	East
OLONO	NEPOD	NEPOD	South
PELIG ^[1]	PELIG	-	West
PESIT	NEPOD	NEPOD	South
NEVRI	ROTEV	ROTEV	North
ROTEV	ROTEV	ROTEV	North
SUROX	SUROX	ROTEV	North

^[1] Westerly Operations Only

So how do these impact on residents – what is the real time impact . Obviously each SID will impact the take off noise level and is it possible to forecast the SIDs that will be used? Is it the IAA that determine which take off SID is used , or is it dependant on route .

- 13B.3.33 For Category C & D aircraft, which are jet engined aircraft, these routes have been supplemented for departures to the west by routes that turn earlier, although not as early as Category A & B aircraft routes. This assumption originally arose from a detailed review of 2010 radar data and has been confirmed as remaining appropriate by a review of recent radar data. These reviews found that many of the Category C & D on runway 28 actually performed their initial turn earlier than described by the SIDs. This is because after reaching an altitude of 3000 ft, they are vectored off by ATC. Two additional 'Early Turn' routes were therefore created for each route with initial turns to the north, south, or east, i.e. the ROTEV, NEPOD, LIFFY and DEXEN routes. Traffic has been distributed equally between the three turning points, i.e. the two early turns and the SID, for each route.
- 13B.3.34 The modelled current Category C & D routes are shown in blue on Figure 13B-2.

A and B Category are turboprops are not required to stay in the flight corridor, in the way jet engine aircraft are. – This Category of aircraft are exempt , for noise related nuisance per the daa in their responses at present. Nonetheless, it must be highlighted that turboprops do fly low over Millhead and Kilreesk and the nuisance noise is very real , particularly at night.

C & D are jet engine aircraft. C and D on runway 28 performed their initial turn earlier that described by the SIDs Standard Instrument departure.

13B.3.37 Once the North Runway is in use Category A & B aircraft will continue to turn off the extended runway centreline shortly after the end of the runway, however they will not be allowed to turn across the other runway, i.e. they cannot turn north off the South Runway and vice versa. A new set of departure routes has therefore been developed for Category A & B aircraft. From the South Runway this replicates the current routes, but with no turns to the north. For the North Runway the routes have been designed to replicate the current routes as closely as possible but with no turns to the south as shown in Figures 13B-3 and 13B-4.

13B.3.38 For Category C & D aircraft a number of the modelled routes have been used to represent more than one of the SIDs, so combining the traffic on some of the SIDs onto a single modelled route. The departure routes to the west are supplemented by early turn routes, similar to the current routes.

13B.3.39 In order to achieve a safe minimum separation between departures and arrivals performing a go around and based on public consultation and a subsequent detailed safety assessment by the Air Traffic Service Provider, a course divergence of at least 30° is required. As the runways are parallel this necessitated an early turn by departures from the North Runway.

13B.3.40 An analysis was undertaken to determine the best initial turn angles taking into account the resulting noise, and the local community was consulted on the options. The analysis concluded that that for departures to the west there were limited differences between the various turn angle options, but an initial turn or 15° or 30° to the north was favourable in terms of the overall numbers of sensitive receptors under the flight path. This was supplemented with a 75° initial turn for departures heading to the north or west off the North Runway in westerly departures. For departures to the east an initial turn of 15° to the north was the most favourable option. The public consultation resulted in the 15°/75° divergence to the west off North Runway and 15° to the east going forward for further analysis.

When was this consultation conducted with the local community, what local community. This only meeting to present the preferred and options was on 25th October 2016 to St Margarets Residents and there was no preferred routes – all residents were going to be in excess of >80db due to our location. We were informed that Insulation would not mitigate the Lamax noise.

What does that look like initial turn or 15 or 30degrees to the north was favourable in term of the overall numbers of sensitive receptors under the flight path. The public consultation resulted in 15/75 degrees divergence to the west off North Runway and 15degrees to the east going forward for further analysis.

13B.3.41 The subsequent detailed airspace design indicated that a course divergence of at least 30° was required for westerly departures in order to allow for safety requirements associated with potential missed approaches or go arounds. The final set of divergence was therefore selected to be 30° and 75° to the west and 15° to the east.

13B.3.42 A set of departure routes from the North Runway was then developed that replicated the current routes as closely as possible, while allowing for these initial turns. The result is routes with an early turn to the north. When heading east all of the routes turn 15° at 1.06nm from the end of the runway. When heading to the west the routes to DEXEN, INKUR, NEPOD, PELIG and SUROX turn 30°, while those to ABBEY and ROTEV turn 75°, all at 1.18nm from the end of the runway.

13B.3.43 The departures on the South Runway continue along the extended runway centreline before turning.

13B.3.44 The modelled current Category C & D routes are shown in blue on Figures 13B-3 and 13B-4.

13B.3.45 This approach is in accordance with EU Directive 2015/996 which states that "In many cases is not possible to model flight paths on the basis of radar data — because the necessary resources are not available or because the scenario is a future one for which there are no relevant radar data. In the absence of radar data, or when its use is inappropriate, it is necessary to estimate the flight paths on the basis of operational guidance material".

Dispersion

13B.3.46 Aircraft on departure are allocated a route to follow. In practice, this route is not followed precisely by all aircraft allocated to this route. The actual pattern of departing aircraft is dispersed about the route's centreline. The degree of dispersion is normally a function of the distance travelled by an aircraft along the route after take-off and also on the form of the route.

13B.3.47 When considering many departures, it is commonly found that the spread of aircraft approximates to a "normal distribution" pattern, the shape or spread of which will vary with distance along the route. A simplified mathematical model can be adopted to represent a normal distribution of events, based on standard deviations. EU Directive 2015/996 advises the use of seven "dispersed" tracks associated with each departure route, these comprise the Centreline of each route and the three Sub Tracks either side.

13B.3.48 The allocation of movements to each track for this assessment was as follows:

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- 28.2% of departures along the Centreline;
- 22.2% of departures along each of the two inner Sub Tracks either side of the Centreline and offset by a distance of 0.71 standard deviation;
- 10.6% of departures along each of the 2nd pair of Sub Tracks either side of the Centreline and offset by a distance of 1.43 standard deviation;
- 3.1% of departures along each of the two outer Sub Tracks either side of the Centreline and offset by a distance of 2.14 standard deviations.

13B.3.49 This dispersion model has been applied with a departure offset profile, which comprises the standard deviations of the magnitude of the dispersion for lengths of straight and curved track. These have been determined from a detailed analysis of radar tracks for operations in 2016 at Dublin. Operations in 2018 have been reviewed and found to follow a similar distribution.

13B.3.45 This approach is in accordance with EU Directive 2015/996 which states that "In many cases is not possible to model flight paths on the basis of radar data — because the necessary resources are not available or because the scenario is a future one for which there are no relevant radar data. In the absence of radar data, or when its use is inappropriate, it is necessary to estimate the flight paths on the basis of operational guidance material".

Note: In accordance with EU Directive 2015/996 which states that it is not possible to model flight paths on the basis of radar data, because the necessary resources are not available or because the scenario is a future one for which there are no relevant radar data. So in the absence or when its use is inappropriate, it is necessary to estimate the flight paths on the basis of operational guidance material.

So we see here – estimated, projected, assumptions – which create noise contours that cannot be relied upon and will be subject to change, once the new runway is operational. In the meantime, the flight path residents are expected to accept this data and also ANCA to make a decision and input into a NAO.

13B.3.65 This is in line with EU Directive 2015/996, which requires that "All input values affecting the emission level of a source, including the position of the source, shall be determined with at least the accuracy corresponding to an uncertainty of $\pm 2\text{dB(A)}$ in the emission level of the source".

Performance of Modernised Aircraft Types

13B.3.66 For the recently introduced and future aircraft types in the forecasts which are not contained within the AEDT model, assumptions have been made for their expected noise levels. This is based on a comparison with either the current generation aircraft that is being directly replaced, or the most similar aircraft type available in AEDT.

13B.3.67 The expected changes in noise levels are primarily based on a comparison of average certification noise levels between the current and modernised aircraft types from the *EASA Approved Noise Levels database*³ undertaken in 2019. A summary of these is given in Table 13B-16. For aircraft whose certification noise levels were not available the assumptions are based on those used by the ERCD for the Airports Commission (2014)⁴.

Table 13B-16: Summary of Entries in EASA Database for Relevant Aircraft Types

Aircraft Type	# Entries in EASA Database	Average of EASA Noise Certification Levels (EPNdB)		
		Lateral	Flyover	Approach
737700	1206	93.3	83.2	95.8
Airbus A321	1757	96.0	86.6	96.5
Airbus A321neo	561	88.7	84.1	94.5
Airbus A330-300	811	98.3	91.1	98.4
Airbus A330-900neo	5	92.4	88.9	98.4
Airbus A350-900	40	91.0	85.0	96.5
Bombardier CS300	16	87.1	80.8	92.4
Embraer E190	89	92.3	84.0	92.5
Embraer E190-E2	30	86.1	76.8	91.4

13B.3.68 For arrivals the approach level was utilised. For departures the average of the lateral and flyover levels was utilised. For each modernised aircraft type where an assumption was needed, the arrival and departure noise levels were separately compared with the relevant current aircraft type. These differences were then added to the adjustments set out in Table 13B-15 to give the resultant adjustments presented in Table 13B-17.

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Table 13B-17: Expected Change in Noise Levels between Current and Modernised Aircraft Types

Current Aircraft Type	Modernised Aircraft Type	Expected Change in Noise Levels between Current and Modernised Aircraft Types (dB)	
		Arrival	Departure
737700	Bombardier CS300	-3.4	-4.3
Airbus A321	Airbus A321neo	-2.4	-5.4
Airbus A321	Airbus A321LR ^[1]	-2.4	-5.4
Airbus A330-300	Airbus A330-900neo	-1.1	-4.8
Airbus A330-300	Airbus A350-900	-3.0	-7.5
Boeing 777-300	Boeing 777X ^[2]	-0.8	-3.8
Embraer E190	Embraer E190-E2	-1.9	-6.2

^[1] Based on A321neo certification noise levels

^[2] Based on ERCD assumptions

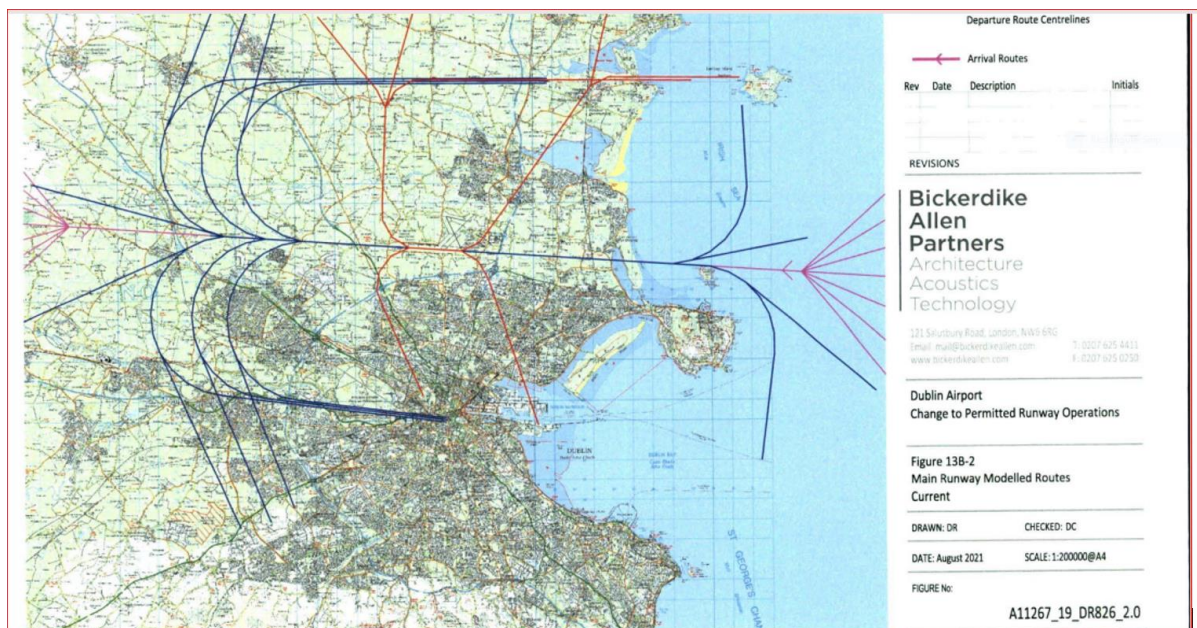
The db level at night **per the ANP conditions issued in 2007**, , will have dB level of zero for scheduled flights as no ATMs are permitted between 1100 – 0700 am .

The reduction in aircraft noise is welcomed for the 16 hour operation on both runways and the 65 ATMS only at night on the South runway and is critical in the interest of health and sleep

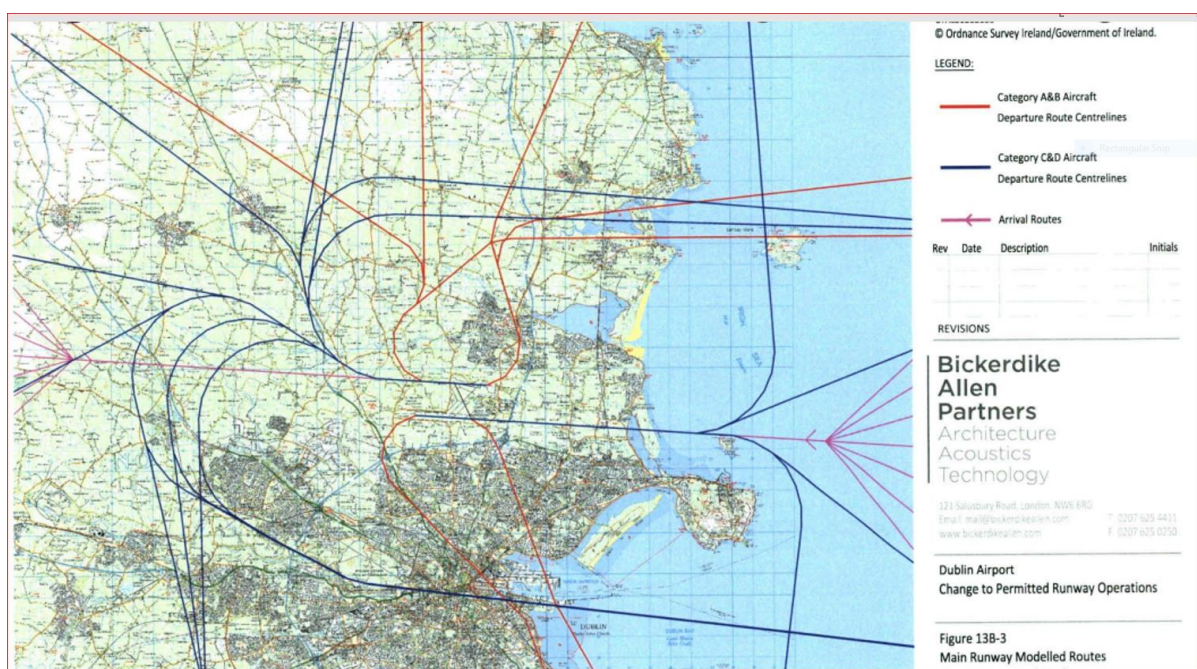
Noise prediction

13B.4.6 Each dwelling and community building has been included in the AEDT model as a receptor. A representative set of receptors has been created for each permitted development and zoned land area based on site plans and other publicly available information. Noise levels have been predicted at each of these receptor locations.

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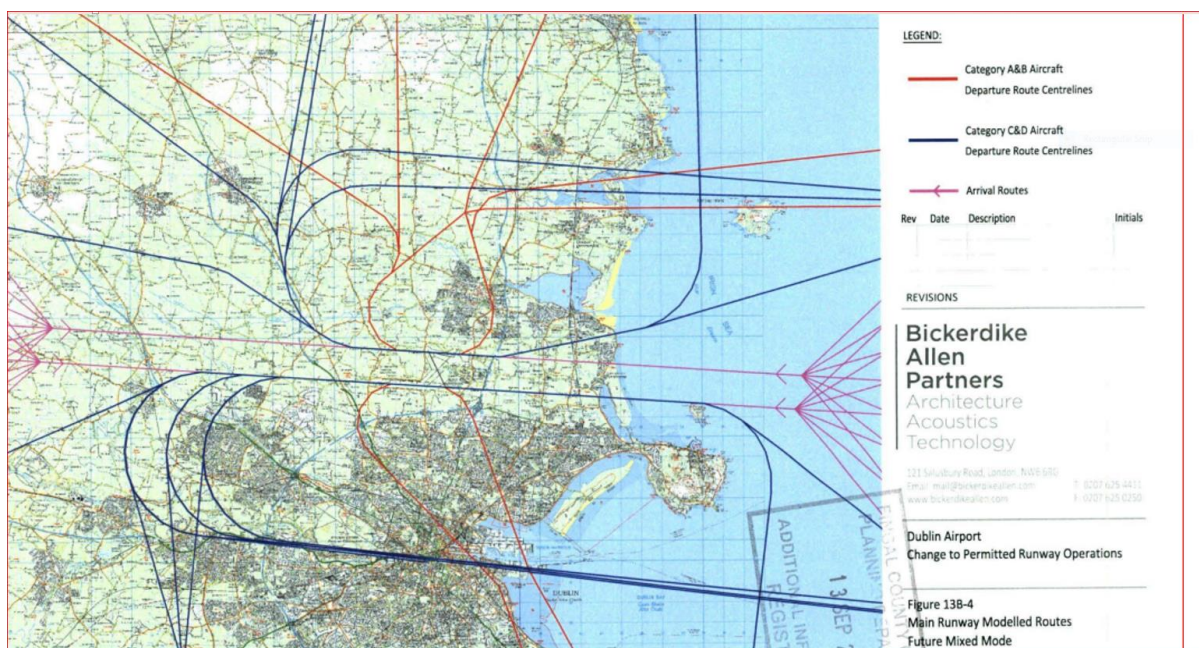
This is the current routes for take off and landing aircraft – August 2021



Change to permitted runway operations. – North and South runways. Centre line over Millhead and right hand side of Kilreesk Lane.

On 28th October 2018 at a meeting with daa , we finally received the Longitudinal data from Bickerdike Allen Partners(BAP) . We requested this in November 2016 at the joint special CLG meeting, where the VDPS and VDIS were presented as a fait a complete. This was requested at the CLG, while we were members, and this was denied as we were informed it

could not be released due to a court case in progress. (SMGRG took a Judicial Review on the extension of time for a period of 5 years with no Appropriate Assessment submitted and we were denied the opportunity to make our submission, highlighting our concerns - 9 years after grant of permission. The planning was due to expire in August 2017 and FCC granted a further 5 years. As a matter of information DAA also breached condition 12(a) by failing to submit a Waste Management Plan for approval to discharge all of the pre-commencement conditions before construction of the North Runway could commence. This was considered ok by our Commercial Court. whilst acknowledging the breach of the planning conditions 12(h) .

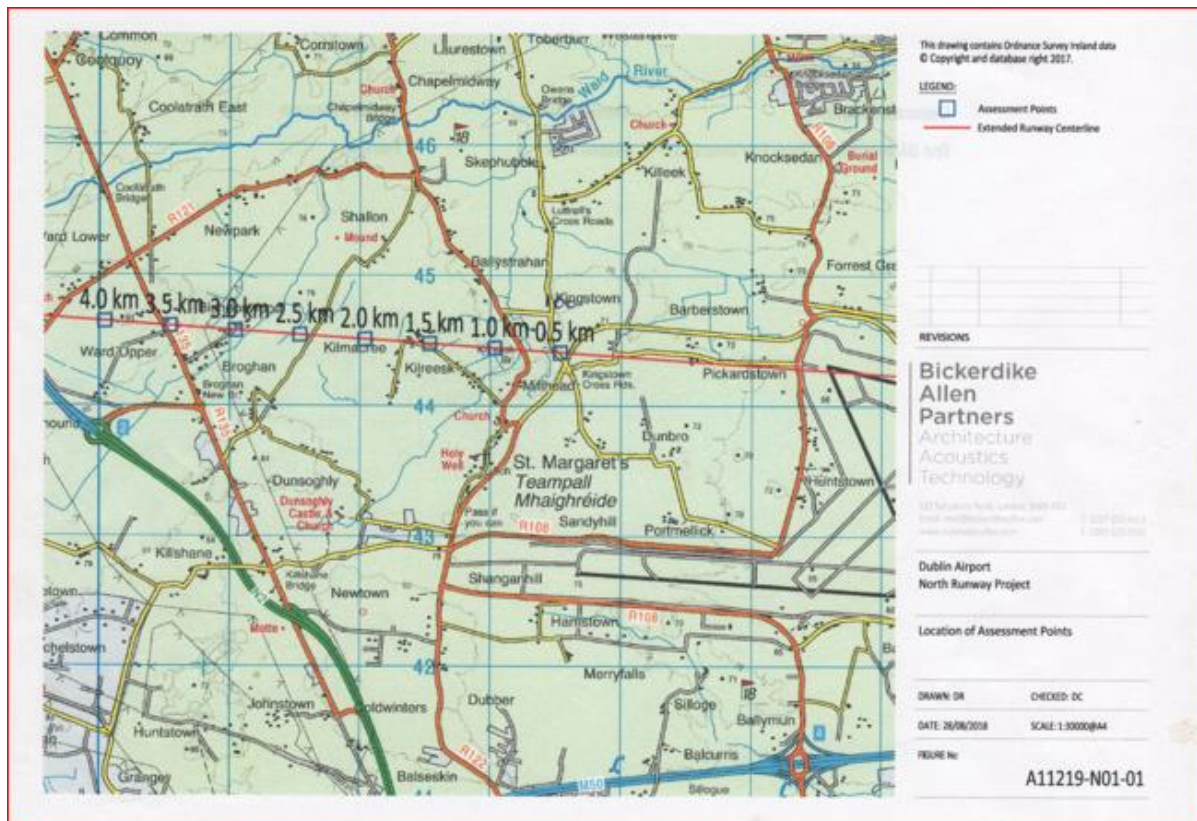


Change to permitted runway operations – future mixed mode.

For those under the flight of the runway, in St Margarets , it would appear from the data put forward- none of the data will make a difference , as we look at the Longitudinal data finally received on 28th October, 2018.

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The following refers to Millhead, Kilreesk Lane and out to the Ward.



And the corresponding Lmax and SEL levels.

The fact that daa withheld this information from SMCRG, and agreed a VDPS and VDIS with full knowledge of the impact of the North Runway and its flight paths, without our meaningful participation, highlights how the DAA view our position in our community and our homes. These night time restrictions cannot be permitted, on the basis of the above. Daa expect those adversely affected to be forced out of their homes by default under their “voluntary scheme” purging the area around the parimeters of their boundaries to capitalise, for their future developments . This commenced in the 1960s when 8 families were forced from their homes for this new runway, with no human regard for their circumstances. There was no duty of care to those citizens at that time who were displaced.

3.0 RESULTS

The L_{Amax} and SEL noise levels rounded to the nearest decibel are given in Tables 2 and 3 below.

Operation	Aircraft Type	Noise Level, dB L_{Amax}							
		0.5 km	1.0 km	1.5 km	2.0 km	2.5 km	3.0 km	3.5 km	4.0 km
Departure	Airbus A320	86	83	78	78	77	77	76	76
	Airbus A330-300	91	90	89	88	87	83	82	81
	Airbus A380	89	88	87	86	85	84	83	83
	Boeing 737 Max8	87	84	81	79	78	77	77	76
	Boeing 737-800	90	87	83	81	80	80	79	79
	Boeing 737-200	96	94	93	92	90	87	86	85
Arrival	Airbus A320	94	90	87	85	83	81	80	79
	Airbus A330-300	97	93	90	87	86	84	83	82
	Airbus A380	95	91	89	87	85	83	82	81
	Boeing 737 Max8	94	90	87	85	83	81	80	79
	Boeing 737-800	94	90	87	85	83	81	80	79
	Boeing 737-200	94	90	88	86	84	82	81	80

Table 2: L_{Amax} Noise Levels at Assessment Locations

Operation	Aircraft Type	Noise Level, dB(A) SEL							
		0.5 km	1.0 km	1.5 km	2.0 km	2.5 km	3.0 km	3.5 km	4.0 km
Departure	Airbus A320	94	92	89	88	87	87	86	86
	Airbus A330-300	99	98	97	96	95	92	91	90
	Airbus A380	97	96	95	94	93	92	92	91
	Boeing 737 Max8	95	93	89	88	87	86	85	85
	Boeing 737-800	97	95	92	90	89	88	88	87
	Boeing 737-200	104	103	101	100	97	95	94	93
Arrival	Airbus A320	99	96	94	92	90	89	89	88
	Airbus A330-300	101	99	97	95	94	93	92	91
	Airbus A380	100	98	96	94	93	92	91	91
	Boeing 737 Max8	96	94	92	91	90	89	88	87
	Boeing 737-800	97	95	93	91	90	89	88	88
	Boeing 737-200	97	95	94	93	91	90	90	89

Table 3: SEL Noise Levels at Assessment Locations

CHAPTER 9

HEALTH IMPACTS

First, let us look at the **HSE submission to Fingal County Council** on the Planning application to remove condition 5 and 3(d) to take into account what they say to the Planning Authority and to ANCA and to the applicant.



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Licence Type: Planning Application

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Location of facility: Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin
Reference No: F20A/0668
EIS/EIAR submitted: Yes
Planning Authority to whom
EIS/EIAR has been submitted: Fingal County Council

Introduction

The following HSE departments were notified of the consultation request for the licence application on 7th January 2021

- Emergency Planning – Brendan Lawlor
- Estates – Helen Maher
- Assistant National Director for Health Protection – Kevin Kelleher / Laura Murphy
- CHO – Mellany McLoone

This report only comments on Environmental Health impacts of the licence application.

Environmental Health Submission

EHS Ref: 1516

Planning Ref: F20A/0668 Fingal County Council

Description of Project:

The proposed Relevant Action is to remove the numerical cap on the number of flights permitted between the hours of 11pm and 7am daily that are due to come into effect in accordance with the North Runway Permission and to replace them with an annual night-time noise quota between the hours of 11.30pm and 6am and also to allow flights to take off from and/or land on the North Runway for an additional 2 hours i.e. 2300 hrs to 2400hrs and 0600 hrs to 0700 hrs. Overall, this would allow for an increase in the number of flights taking off and/or landing at Dublin Airport between 2300 hrs and 0700 hrs over and above the number stipulated in condition no. 5 of the North Runway Permission, in accordance with the proposed annual night time noise quota.

Air Quality:

The EHS have assessed chapter 10 which looks at Air Quality with particular attention on concentrations at nearby human health sensitive receptors. For the EIAR an air quality impact assessment was undertaken to assess the impact of emissions on local air quality primarily due to the proposed change in aircraft movements.

Note this was on the basis of 7990 Aircraft Quota Counts not the increased amount of 16,260 now granted in the DRD which this submission addresses.

The DAA have also undertaken the measurements of NO₂, and benzene (C₆H₆) using passive sampling by diffusion tubes at several offsite locations in the vicinity of Dublin Airport. The annual data for these measurements are shown in Tables 10-5 to 10-7 and they demonstrate that the Air Quality Limit Values for the pollutants monitored are not being exceeded.

EHS notes that for the detailed modelling study a total of 52 existing receptors were modelled that may be affected by the operation of the permitted North Runway, the details of which can be found in Table 10-11 and Figure 10-1 of the EIAR.

Section 10.6 outlines the predicted annual mean NO₂, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations for Permitted and Proposed scenarios and associated impacts. All of the predicted NO₂ levels fall well below the Limit Values. There was no exceedances of the annual mean Limit Values for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} the values for which were all well below the annual mean Limit Values.

The EHS is satisfied with the conclusion in the EIAR which states that the model was based on a conservative assessment and even with this worst case scenario the annual mean concentrations of all the pollutants considered are below the relevant Limit Values for all of the assessed receptor locations. Concentration changes between the permitted and proposed Relevant Action show residual effects to be Not Significant.

So what will be the measurements be for No₂ and Benzene (C₆H₆) PM 0.5 and PM_{2.5} on the increased ATMs – that equate to 16,260 AQC. This will require a further field study when the runway opens, on the current planning permission, with additional air quality calibrated tools to capture the real time data around St Margarets , Kilreesk, Dunbro, Harristown, Millhead, and The Ward - the Longitudinal Corridor.

Noise:

The EHS have based their assessment on Chapter 13 - Air craft noise and Vibration (Air) on The World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018, as endorsed by the European Commission through Directive 2020/367.

The WHO 2018 Noise Guidelines strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by aircraft below 45 dB Lden, as it states that aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse health effects.

The EIAR based its Noise surveys on future forecast scenarios for the selected years of 2022 and 2025. It compared the situation with the Relevant Action with three situations, that in 2018 (2018 Baseline), that in the corresponding future year with the North Runway operational and the current conditions in place (2022 or 2025 Baseline).

With the above in mind the EHS looked at the results of the noise surveys in Section 13.4. The World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018, provide a method for calculating the number of people highly annoyed by airborne aircraft noise which has been used in the EIAR. The aim of this method is to give an overall picture of the noise exposure by assessing a percentage of people as being highly annoyed at different noise levels. For example, around 10% are assessed as being highly annoyed at a noise level of 45 dB Lden, increasing to around 67% at a noise level of 75 dB Lden.

The EIAR states that the number of people exposed to aircraft noise increased from the 2018 Baseline to the 2019 Baseline. Consequently, the number of people assessed as highly annoyed by aircraft noise also increased, specifically by 5% from 110,234 to 115,740. The number of people exposed to at least a high level of noise (i.e. 65 dB Lden or above) increased from 251 to 285.

However when the EIAR compares the 2018 baseline and the forecast 2022 Baseline the number of people exposed to aircraft noise is forecast to reduce for all contour levels. Consequently, the number of people assessed as highly annoyed by aircraft noise also decreases, specifically by 41% from 110,234 to 65,227. The number of people exposed to at least a high level of noise (i.e. 65 dB Lden or above) decreases from 251 to 133.

This number is further reduced in the 2025 Baseline scenario to 63,316 people assessed as highly annoyed and 128 people exposed to at least a high noise level.

The EIAR also identifies the number of non-residential receptors exposed to the thresholds. There is a reduction of one between 2018 and 2019, and a further reduction of 3 is forecast in the 2022 baseline scenario. There was no change in the 2022 and 2025 Baseline scenarios.

The HSE refers to the Lden

The WHO 2018 Noise Guidelines strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by aircraft below 45Lden, as it states that Aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse health effects. See the figures above – extracts from the HSE submission to F20A/0668

While the EHS welcomes the significant reduction in the people exposed to airline noise between the 2018/2019 baseline and the 2022/2025 forecast baseline scenario it still acknowledges that a significant proportion of people, namely 63,316 people assessed as highly annoyed and 128 people

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exposed to at least a high noise level based on the 2025 baseline scenario, will still be exposed to airline noise above the WHO recommendations of 45Lden.

The WHO 2018 Noise Guidelines strongly recommends reducing night noise exposure levels produced by aircraft during night time below 40 dB Lnight, as it states aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse effects on sleep.

The World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018 provide a method for calculating the number of people highly sleep disturbed by airborne aircraft noise which has been used by the EIAR. This aim of the method is to give an overall picture of the noise exposure by assessing a percentage of people as being highly sleep disturbed at different noise levels.

4. Hearing impairment and tinnitus

5. Adverse birth outcomes

6. Quality of life, well-being and mental health

7. Metabolic outcomes

As already outlined above the WHO strongly recommends reducing aircraft noise levels to below 45 dB Lden, and for night noise exposure to below 40 dB Lnight, as aircraft noise above these level is associated with the above adverse health effects.

In order to reduce these health effects, the WHO strongly recommends that policy-makers implement suitable measures to reduce noise exposure from aircraft in the population exposed to levels above the guideline values for average and night noise exposure. For specific interventions the WHO recommends implementing suitable changes in infrastructure.

The EIAR also looked at the number of dwellings exceeding the threshold for potential vibration effects due to airborne aircraft. The EHS is satisfied that there will be no dwellings which experienced noise levels in excess of 97 dB LCmax at least once per day. This is down from 4 dwellings identified in the 2018 baseline scenario.

While the EHS welcomes the significant reduction in the people exposed to airline noise between the 2018/2019 baseline and the 2022/2025 forecast baseline scenario it still acknowledges that a significant proportion of people, namely 19,464 people assessed as highly annoyed and 281 people exposed to at least a high noise level based on the 2025 baseline scenario, will still be exposed to airline noise above the WHO recommendations of 40L_{night}.

The World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018 summarise the research into the impact on health and exposure to aircraft noise. The critical health outcomes identified were:

For average noise exposure

1. Cardiovascular disease
2. Annoyance
3. Cognitive impairment

For night noise exposure

1. Effects on sleep

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4. Hearing impairment and tinnitus
5. Adverse birth outcomes

Aircraft Quota System proposed as mitigation tool for NAO – Balanced Approach.

With WHO's recommendation on specific interventions on implementing suitable changes in infrastructure in mind the EHS has assessed how the EIAR outlines ways in which the airport is reducing noise. These actions are welcomed by the EHS, they are outlined in section 13.5.2. They include the following.

- **Land Zones:** These are areas of land identified by the DAA to restrict unsuitable development in the noise zones. The EIAR states that with the north runway set to become operational in 2022, updated information has become available relating to aircraft noise performance and flight paths. Due to this it was considered appropriate to update the noise zones for Dublin Airport to allow for more effective land use planning for development within airport noise zones. The Noise Zones and policies relating to development in Noise Zones are set out in Variation No. 1 to the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023.
- **Residential Sound Insulation Schemes:** Dublin Airport operates an insulation scheme for dwellings exposed to 63 dB LAeq,16h or greater. The 63 dB LAeq,16h contour eligibility as part of the North Runway scheme will be reviewed every two years following the opening of the North Runway as required by the planning conditions.
- **Schools Sound Insulation Scheme:** A voluntary insulation scheme is on offer for all schools and registered pre-schools which fall within the predicted 60 dB LAeq,16h contour.
- **Dwelling Purchase Scheme:** Eligibility for the Scheme is based on the predicted 69 dB LAeq,16h contour. Five dwellings are currently located in this contour, however the DAA has voluntarily extended participation in the Scheme to a further 33 dwellings.

The above again from the HSE submission states the Residential Sound Insulation Scheme operates an insulation scheme for dwellings exposed to 63db LAEQ16h or greater to be reviewed every year. This is part of the scheme signed off as part of F04A/1755 and PL06F.217429 and should not form the basis of a totally different planning application which has been applied for with different flight operation and activity not yet experienced by those who will be adversely affected. The cart is before the horse here and places the adversely affected in danger for their health and well being. DAA used the LAeq16hr to draw their contours for the planning permission application in 2004 – 2006 and the grant of permission was based on the LAeq16hr. The NAP has aligned with the EU on the methodology in using Lden, Lnight, Levening to standardise with all of European airports and for reporting purposes for the END.

It is not acceptable that the applicant is using this grant of permission with the methodology used at the oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála to avoid a brand new planning application to use the correct methodology and muddy the waters. I think we counted 13 different references to Noise measurements used in the EIAR. For us the SEL (single Event Level) and the LAfMax - The point of where an aircraft is at its very loudest on LTO which is what will wake us from our sleep at night and with 16,260 now proposed there will be a doubling or trebling of SELs and LAfMax events every night.

- Dwelling Purchase Scheme: Eligibility for the Scheme is based on the predicted 69 dB LAeq,16h contour. Five dwellings are currently located in this contour, however the daa has voluntarily extended participation in the Scheme to a further 33 dwellings.

In 2006, a letter was sent to five residents in Millhead and Kilreesk, informing them that their homes were in the 69db contour and eligible for their voluntary home buy out scheme. This was then changed coming up to the oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála. The contours were changed – the lines drawn on the map were redone and those 5 plus another 16 homes located in Kilreesk Lane and Millhead were not outside the 69db and in the 63-69db new lines drawn. Following the grant of permission, the Daa stated they would honour their original eligibility VDPS and extend to the 5 homes plus the other 16 homes. We now have contours aligning with the WHO in the EIAR put forward as the recognised contours to be utilised in this application.

So we have moved from

Laeq16 hr

To

LDEN and LNIght and LEVENING

With very little focus on SEL and LASmax or LAfmax

Which is what is measured in the Longitudinal Data left out of this application.

Additional noise mitigation measures are outlined in section 13.7. Again these are welcomed by the EHS. They include.

- An Annual Noise Quota (ANQ) system to replace the limit of 65 flights per night.
- A preferential runway use system.
- A night noise insulation scheme. This scheme will provide a grant of €20,000 to fund sound insulation improvement works, for dwellings meeting either of the following criteria:
 - Forecast to be exposed to night-time noise levels of at least 55 dB L_{night} in the 2025 Relevant Action scenario, or
 - Forecast to be exposed to noise levels greater than 50 dB L_{night} in the 2022 Relevant Action scenario, accompanied by an increase of at least 9 dB when compared to 2018.

7990 ANQ were sought by the Applicant and ANCA have proposed increasing that to 16,260 per annum

So how many ATMs will that be.

So we are currently at 65 flights per night once the new runway opens from 11pm to 7am - night time hours per the EU and WHO .

So then we look for 7990 AQC per annum in the application by DAA

This cannot be measured in terms of ATMs as the aircraft manufacturers determine the AQC per fleet type ranging from 0.25 , 0.5 1, 2, 4, 8, 16

Doubling each time it moves up to the next bar rating.

So most of the aircraft will be rated below 1 and a large amount will be rated 0

ANCA have given proposed 16,260 per annum divided by 365 days equates to what - for us homeowners we do not know as we have no control over the setting of the counts – it is the Aircraft manufacturers that do that, and what is the count based on - where is that done – in european airports – how is that calibrated and validated . So this is not like with like

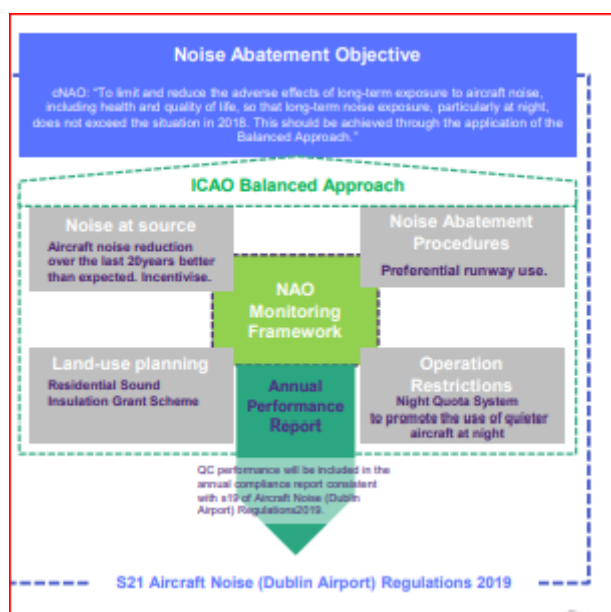
The EIAR fails to equate what 7990 AQC is to Air Traffic Movements (take off and landings - LTO) As ANCA have increased that by 8,270 AQC to 16,260 so the significant question is:

What is the ATM count for 16,260 AQC per annum , per night ?

What is the ATM count for LDEN with 16, 260AQC added to the daily number of LTOs.

Noise Quota System.

This ANQ is now proposed by ANCA to increase from 7990 to 16,260 per annum.



The applicant is proposing to use the Aircraft Quota System as part of their mitigation process , along with the above.

To replace Condition no. 5

On completion of construction of the runway hereby permitted, the average number of night time aircraft movements at the airport shall not exceed 65/night (between 2300 hours and 0700 hours) when measured over the 92 day modelling period as set out in the reply to the further information request received by An Bord Pleanála on the 5 th day of March, 2007

Reason: To control the frequency of night flights at the airport so as to protect residential amenity having regard to the information submitted concerning future night time use of the existing parallel runway

TO: A noise quote system is proposed for night time noise at the airport. The airport shall be subject to an annual noise quota of 7990 between the hrs of 2330 and 0600 hrs.

This application is about four different and separate airport issues.

1. Removing the night time tranquillity required for sleep and rest, imposed by ABP in 2007 with disregard for the WHO guidelines.
2. Introducing the flight paths as part of the runway – this should be a separate planning application as the impact was not assessed appropriately in 2006.
3. Precursor to application for increasing passenger numbers from 32million to 40 million in 2025. This was originally part of the discussions with FCC and ANCA to be included in this application, but was deferred until 2025, when passenger numbers are due to be at peak again and in anticipation of this planning approval.

The proposed increase to 16,260 by ANCA is obviously taking into consideration the next planning application for 40million passengers in 2025. So we have the original planning used as the backdrop and piggy backing on it to apply to remove condition 3(d) and 5 and forward planning for the next application for 40m passengers in 2025 all prior to the setting up of the NAO (with the data from DAA) and the NAP due to be renewed in 2023.

Additional noise mitigation measures are outlined in section 13.7. Again these are welcomed by the EHS. They include.

- An Annual Noise Quota (ANQ) system to replace the limit of 65 flights per night.
- A preferential runway use system.
- A night noise insulation scheme. This scheme will provide a grant of €20,000 to fund sound insulation improvement works, for dwellings meeting either of the following criteria:
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 - Forecast to be exposed to noise levels greater than 50 dB Lnight in the 2022 Relevant Action scenario, accompanied by an increase of at least 9 dB when compared to 2018.

4. Introduction of the Noise Quota System instead of ATMs at Dublin Airport. Dublin Airport has no restrictions currently. The operation of the new runway brings into place restrictions for the first time. The NQS is a matter for each airport to implement under the NAO and daa have proposed a cNAO to ANCA to agree upon, when in actual fact, there is no NAO currently in place and is a requirement to do so by ANCA without the night time restrictions in place per the planning permission document. Daa have proposed this AQS would be reviewed every five years by ANCA and FCC – when there is a limit of a 6 months season placed on QC points, and this is at the discretion of the airport operator, how they are assigned. The AQS

is not designed for those under the flightpath or parallel to the runways, as it does not consider the number of SEL's or Lafmax levels, envisaged to cause sleep deprivation and health issues.

Please refer to Condition 10 on the planning conditions – F04A/1755 – PL06F.217429 where it states:

A noise and flight track monitoring report shall be submitted to the planning authority on a quarterly basis and shall be made available for public inspection. The results of the noise and flight track monitoring shall be used to re-evaluate noise impacts and the application of mitigation measures, including (a) the Noise Insulation Scheme (including residents and schools) and (b) the property buy out scheme bi-annually.

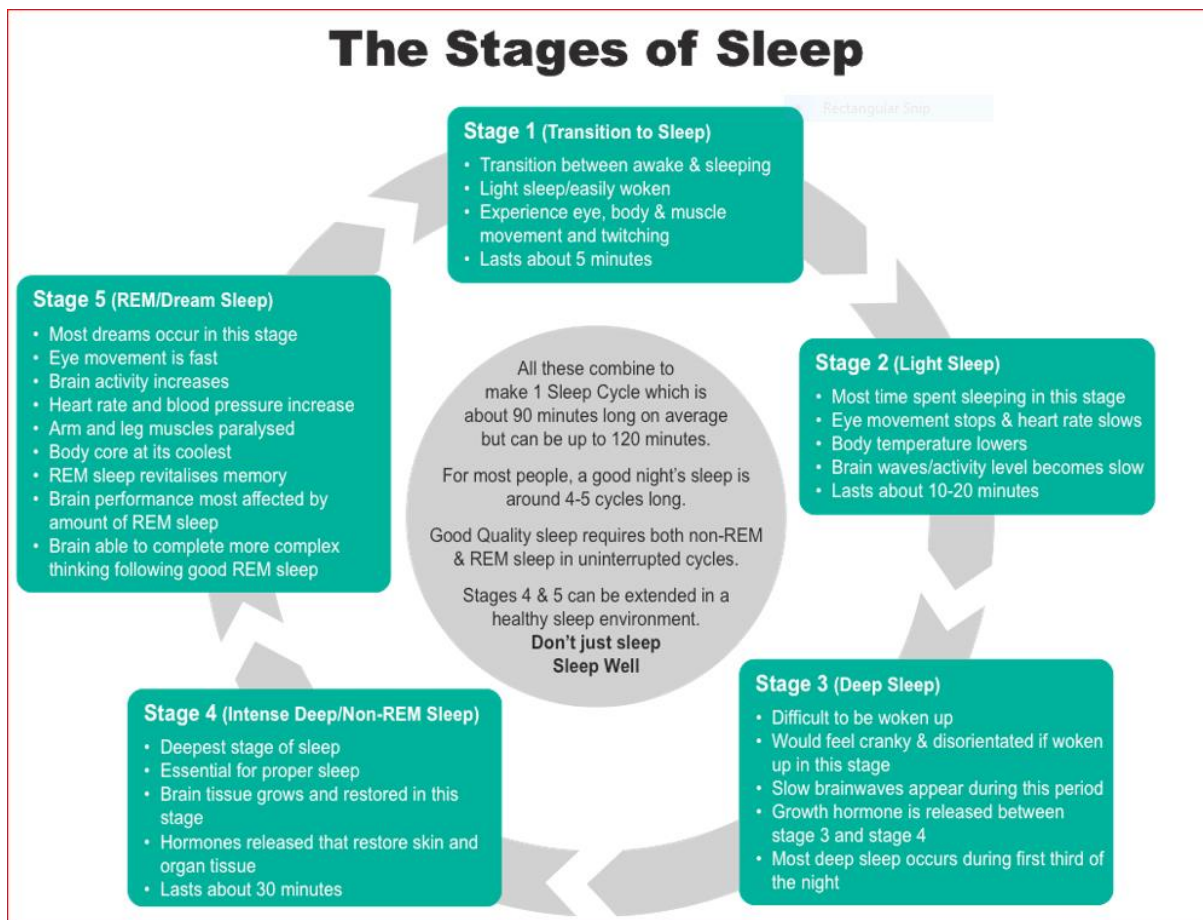
Reason: To protect the amenities of the area and to ensure ongoing monitoring and verification of the proposed noise mitigation measures.

An extreme example put forward by the AEF (Aircraft Environmental Federation – UK)

One Concorde on departure has the same equivalent noise energy to 120 Boeing 757's taking off every 2 minutes for 3 hours and 58 minutes.

The concorde noise energy lasts for 2 minutes

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3 hours disturbed sleep instead of 1 large aircraft with a 2 minutes disturbance.



The EIAR and Submission F20A/0668

The full documentation covers many subjects ranging from the economic need, to the operations at night and day – 24 hours x 365 days, to aircraft noise and the mitigation proposals of the aircraft quota system, to operate for the unforeseeable future of Dublin Airport. Also the Candidate Noise Abatement Objective proposals to include the land use management – agreed on by FCC and the Noise Quota System in place, for ANCA to agree with, prior to FCC making a decision on this legally invalid planning application in Irish line with the EU598/2014 Directive. The EU598 directive was only brought into Irish legislation on 29th May 2019 with the President of Ireland signing off on the Aircraft Noise Regulation Act 2019. Prior to that a NAP (Noise Action Plan) was passed in January 2019 that will overlap with the opening of the new runway, due quarter 2023.

Also in the mix is the Voluntary insulation and Voluntary home buy out scheme, (VDPS) which is already part of the planning conditions, with very ambiguous wording, conveniently open to interpretation of the applicant and FCC.

This was agreed to, without the meaningful consultation with the adversely affected homeowners, under the new flightpath, placing a gun to their heads. So we see the current conditions being used for a new planning application to breach the health safeguards imposed on the airport operators, daa by ABP in August 2007.

The conditions relating to the School and home insulation and the home buy out were part of the Laeq16hr metrics used in the original planning, F04/1755 in 2004 – 2006.

AIRCRAFT NOISE

Page 38 of Volume 4 – Inspectors report. –from the Oral Hearing 2007.

Mr. K. Searson (Disc 2 – 09/10/06 Submission BB and BB1) detailed noise measurements taken at a number of homes of persons in St. Margaret's Concerned Residents Group. He raised issues relating to the further information submitted in response to the Board's request, the INM model and use of fast and slow time weighting. The prediction package is incapable of predicting arrival LAF,max levels at, or close to any of the appellants' properties. Reliance on this prediction method means that it is not known how many decibels will need to be attenuated. Any buy-out of properties should take into account the creeping background levels which the expansion of the airport has caused to date. Modern up to the minute acoustical engineering criteria and radical thinking needs to be employed.

Mr. Searson answered questions on the noise measurements he undertook and the WHO document to which he referred (1995 document). He confirmed that the properties at which he took the measurements did not receive insulation from the original scheme. Mr. Searson stated that the SEL and LAeq are not affected by fast or slow. To get a reduction by 1 or 2 decibels would be relatively easy however it gets progressively more difficult in getting a further reduction. He confirmed that the phrase 'creeping background' is used in a conventional sense and not with reference to LA90 levels

Mr. Walsh answered questions on his submission including clarification of how frequency of flights at night would not affect LAmx levels and stated that the LAeq and A weighting is not ideal for aircraft noise and stated that the D or E scale would more accurately reflect human perception. He also clarified that he referred to the 2000 WHO document.

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Questions to Planning Authority Mr. Flanagan stated that Mr. O’Kelly’s review of both the proposal and the planning authority’s assessment of the issue of noise is independent and unsolicited. He stated that by reason of the documentation submitted to the planning authority, further information and clarification of further information it is the Council’s understanding that Option 7B is the preferred use of the runways. Conditions 5 and 7(c) reflect this preferred option. In terms of engine testing the Council feels constrained by its commitment in the LAP and a cautious approach to be taken to engine testing. Therefore it would still recommend its removal from the northern part of the site prior to commencement of development. It is accepted that some form of criterion is appropriate in terms of night time use of the runway and that the planning authority’s decision is not explicit in this regard. Mr. O’Kelly’s recommendations for an LAeq 1hr. 55dBA level are considered practical. Mr. O’Kelly stated that the EIS quotes SEL levels. The LAmax is assessed under fast time constant. He accepted that the LA f max would give higher readings than the LA s max for a given variable trace and that it is possible that there could be deviations between the two of between 3 and 5 dB. He accepts that the INM uses the LA s max but doesn’t apply to the SEL from which the LAeq contours are derived. He accepts that the British Standard and WHO Guidelines recommend that the fast time constant be used for LAmax. Mr. O’Kelly stated that ISO 1996, which advocates the A weighting and the LAeq being the best descriptor for environmental noise, was voted and accepted by 27 countries including Ireland. The LAmax may supplement it. He does not necessarily accept that the LAmax is a more likely descriptor for sleep disturbance. Mr. O’Kelly notes that the measured levels at monitoring station 20 are considerably lower than the predicted levels. He also gave details as to the location of the monitor in Portmarnock. He accepted that it is relatively close to the DART station. The issue of independent monitoring was raised. He accepted the computations provided by the applicant as satisfactory. Mr. O’Kelly accepts that it is possible that inside bedroom levels of over 45dB LAeq could be recorded at night at properties of the St Margaret’s Concerned Residents Group. While it would be desirable to have it lower such comparable levels prevail for 1000’s of properties. He stated that the NRA Guidelines for the construction of new roads sets a Lden of 60dBA and note that in many cases this may not always be attainable. It is a design goal. Mr. O’Kelly stated that the INM model is considered to be one of the best in the world. It is automatically calibrated 4 times a day. He would reject Sharps Redmore’s recommendation that the measurement be treated with caution. Actual noise measurements are being taken at 7 locations. Mr. O’Kelly stated that it would be desirable that noise levels be monitored at particular schools. He accepted that windows and ventilations units in schools must be treated properly. He accepted that a baseline study is useful but that the contour for 2003 is useful. Mr. Walsh noted that could be a difference of +/- 1 km for a 1dB difference. Mr. O’Kelly would like to see night-time flights limited. He considered that there would be difficulties having an absolute night curfew at the entire airport. He confirmed that night-time is seen as 11.00 – 7.00 and not 11.00 – 6.00 as written. He stated that the conditions attached to the grant of permission should be clear and that operational use of the proposed runway as outlined in Option 7B should be explicitly stated. Mr. O’Kelly is not aware of the number of deviations

from flight paths and he confirmed that he did not look at St.Margaret's in terms of flight deviations.

Dr. Hogan (Submission BJ) gave details of the health impact assessment carried out. He stated that there is no risk of noise induced hearing loss due to aircraft outside the airport. He also addressed the issues of interference with speech communication, conversation, sleep disturbance, health impacts including mental health, effects on residential behaviour and annoyance and impact on schools. Noise insulation of schools within the 60dB contour is recommended. He concluded that in terms of the health effect of environmental noise there is some limited evidence of effects on blood pressure, cardiovascular risk, school performance, mental health and sleep disturbance. Many effects are only demonstrated with ambient noise in excess of 70dB. Given the number of residences within this contour the effect is negligible. There are few, if any, residences exposed to these noise levels and therefore the human health impact of noise from the proposed facility is assessed as negligible. Dr. Hogan also commented on the submissions made by Dr. Staines and Prof. Stansfeld on behalf of the Portmarnock Community Association. He stated that there is enormous common ground between a Health Impact Assessment and an EIS. The assessment of health effects cannot be performed by medical people alone. There would be input from noise and air experts, toxicologists etc., all of whom had input into the EIS.

Flight path residents will experience non restricted flights from 7am – 11pm on both runways when the new runway becomes operational with non use permitted on the new runway for 8 hours 11pm - 7am and reduction to 65 movements (includes both take-offs and landings in this figure) when the new runway opens – to permit rest and sleep in the interests of human health.

DAA fully agreed with this, and then submitted an application to squash these night time restrictions in August 2008 under SID (Strategic Infrastructure Development) which was refused (See documents attached from ABP file)

PER THE WHO (WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION) - NIGHT TIME IS CLEARLY DEFINED AS 1100PM TO 0700AM - 8 HOURS.

DAA never intended to abide by this permission, and have cherry picked what they don't like and expect residents to abide in full. This demonstrates the view of DAA towards those adversely affected , deeming them insignificant, and trampling on them, with the power of entitlement, using the tools of planning and legislation, tailor made to suit all their requirements. (Variation No 1 to the FDP – December 2019) .

Night time hours - is 11pm - to 7 am - and a AQC (Aircraft Quota Count) does not change that fact. To overturn the conditions – and replace with an Aircraft quota count system tramples on the residents directly affected with other so called mitigation measures already agreed by Fingal County Council, excluding all of those severely impacted.

Aircraft Quota System may have a plausible argument, that aircraft will become quieter in the next 5 years, but this QC will allow more ATMs, and therefore no benefit to flightpath residents and those parallel to the runways. It is the manufacturers who certify the QC on their aircraft. So this raises many questions:

Extract taken the HSE submission on F20A/0668

Note the words: *the proposal doesn't outline what measures can or will be taken if poor performances are identified.*

- **Noise Monitoring Framework.** The proposal is to implement a framework for monitoring the noise performance with respect to any Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) set by the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA). Performance will be reported annually to ANCA, in compliance with the relevant sections of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019. While this is welcomed by the EHS the proposal doesn't outline what measures can or will be taken if poor performances are identified.

So who will independently verify the valid QC count?

How will this be done?

What happens if an airline / aircraft goes over their quota? Will there be sanctions, and penalties for airlines who breach their limits as encouragement does not guarantee compliance.

What happens in this case?

Will Airlines/ aircraft be prohibited from using Dublin Airport.

There are currently 9 cargo aircraft operating schedule at Dublin Airport. Cargo Aircraft tend to be older and noisier aircraft.

Is there any penalties for airlines, cargo carriers for breaching the count?

Where is the process and procedures for this ?

Where is the independent and balanced approach for residents?

This is what ANCA have to consider – and this should be prior to any CAO as part of the balanced approach . **The NAO should be formulated with the current planning permission in place.**

This is of grave concern to us , as the Applicant as a European Airport, with no restrictions currently in place, is setting the base lines, providing the data, for the NAO , provide the data for the NAP and provide the mapping , depend on the aircraft manufacturers to set the AQC (which will be of most benefit to them, of course) and fund the regulator ANCA to answer to the EU with the END. Where is the balanced approach for those trapped in the flight path that cannot be insulated under 40db for LNIGHT and 45db LDEN . It is clear, those humans adversely affected, have been parked and considered insignificant in this application. The Insulation Scheme will not be proven until the runway opens and in order for Insulation to work – all homes must not exceed 40db LDEN to conform with the 24 hour requirement from the WHO.

The NAP report has been a written report with facts and figures and does not reflect the true impact , as single events on those adversely affected. This is produced by daa to FCC and now , will be reviewed by ANCA – part of Fingal County Council.

DAA produce the data- DAA are the managers of the airport – A CNAO framework proposed to be set up by ANCA - DAA fund ANCA - ANCA are part of Fingal County Council – despite the aspiration , that both are independent. Below another extract from the HSE Submission - Methodology used incorrect for Ground Noise This will affect Dunbro in the

middle of the 2 runways and those directly in the flightpaths.

Ground Noise and Vibration:

The EHS have assessed Chapter 14 – Ground Noise and Vibration, which assesses the likely significant effects from ground noise. Ground noise specifically includes noise associated with aircraft on the ground at Dublin Airport. This excludes any start of roll or reverse thrust activities, which are considered to be part of the air noise and covered in Chapter 13. The main aircraft ground operations include aircraft taxiing and aircraft using auxiliary power units (APUs) when on stands.

The EHS are satisfied with the EIAR's statement that *"Aircraft ground activities do not typically produce any significant vibration effects at sensitive receptors outside of the airport site, and therefore the assessment of vibration due to aircraft ground operations has been scoped out of the EIA."*

Section 14.3.4 looks at Methodology for Determining Baseline Conditions and Sensitive Receptors. The EIAR states that *"the study area contains all receptors exposed to ground noise levels of at least 50 dB Lden or 45 dB Lnight. This includes all of the receptors that experience potential significant effects. Although significant effects can in theory be found down to 45 dB Lden and 40 dB Lnight, the change in noise level required for this finding was not experienced at any of the assessed receptors."*

The EHS is of the opinion that The World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018 should also have been used for ground noise. As stated already in this report The WHO strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by aircraft to below 45 dB Lden, as aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse health effects and for night noise exposure, the WHO strongly recommends reducing noise levels produced by aircraft during night time below 40 dB Lnight, as aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse effects on sleep.

We note a different methodology is being used for ground noise – the base line is different with 45 Lnight and 50db Lden. There is an increase of 5db for each of these. Again the baseline of 2018 was used here, not 2019 with the highest number of passengers coming through Dublin Airport exceeding the 32million. 5db is very significant in terms of health and well being consequences for the people (not receptors) living in between the runways, on the edge and in the flightpaths.

While the EHS welcomes the reduction in the people exposed to ground noise between the 2018 baseline and the 2025 forecast baseline scenario it still acknowledges that a significant proportion of people, namely 24, 518 people assessed as being exposed to 50dB Lden or above and 3 people exposed to 65dB Lden or above.

The results from the Night modelling comparing the 2018 baseline and the 2022 Baseline the following was found. The number of people exposed to at least a low level of ground noise (i.e. 45 dB Lnight or above) decreases from 3,424 to 631, and the number of people exposed to at least a high level of ground noise (i.e. 55 dB Lnight or above) decreases from 29 to 6. Going forward to the 2025 Baseline Scenario, there are further reductions to 578 people exposed to at least a low ground noise level and no change to the 6 people exposed to a high ground noise level.

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Section 14.5 outlines the measures already in place at Dublin Airport that reduce or mitigate the ground noise effects of aircraft operations. This include:

- Reducing the noise at source by the increased use of new quieter airplanes;
- Land use, planning and management which looks at noise zones and residential sound insulation schemes;
- Operational procedures where Dublin Airport have in place a range of operational procedures which serve to minimise ground noise and;
- Operating restrictions relating to the North Runway Permission.

Again the new quieter airplanes (at a cost of over \$1 million each per aircraft to replace) will take time and will not be in place , even by 2025 , which subjects those adversely affected to horrendous aircraft noise levels , unless we can be guaranteed of a sound insulation scheme that is 40db Lnight and 45dbLden. In the documentation , it was described as aspirational - this sound insulation on offer must be assessed again, with those adversely affected , with a field study , now and then again when runway 10L -28R becomes operational to determine if the level of 40db can be achieved. We have no doubt the specification will be totally changed, as the current one will not achieve the required WHO levels.

The EIAR states that comparing the 2025 Apron 5H scenario with the 2025 Baseline, the number of people exposed to at least a low level of ground noise (i.e. 45 dB Lnight or above) is forecast to increase from 578 to 10,623, and the number of people exposed to at least a high level of ground noise (i.e. 55 dB Lnight or above) is forecast to increase from 6 to 35.

The EHS acknowledges that the increase in people exposed to 50 dB Lden and 45 dB Lnight may result in adverse health effects as outlined in The World Health Organisation's Environmental Noise Guidelines 2018. Due to this the EHS feels that the mitigation measures proposed must be reflected in these increased numbers in order to reduce as much as possible the number of people exposed. The EHS also feels that the WHO levels of 45 dB Lden and 40 dB Lnight should be used when assessing eligibility for schemes such as the sound insulation improvement works.

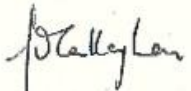
We see another planning application that is running parallel to this application for Apron 5H to have 10 aircraft stands permitted which will also have significant cumulate aircraft and ground noise consequences and impact on the health and well being of those adversely affected. There are seven homes in Dunbro between the runways and then those in the flightpath – so will the base line be 40db Lnight and 45db Lden or 45dbnight and 50Lden - this should be standardised to 40db for Lnight and 45db for Lden for all homes.

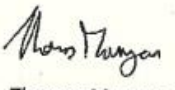
The planning application for the Apron 5H development , should be parked until this application has been dealt with thoroughly and transparently under the “balanced approach” giving an equitable voice to those adversely affected with the proposal to overturn and remove the night time restrictions.

Conclusion:
The EHS makes the following observations in relation to this proposed development:

- All efforts should be made by the DAA to ensure as many people as possible are protected from the adverse health effects associated with aircraft noise as outlined above in this report. This must include reducing aircraft noise levels to below 45 dB Lden, and for night noise exposure to below 40 dB Lnight.
- The EHS is of the opinion that The World Health Organisation’s Environmental Noise Guidelines of 45dB Lden and 40 dB Lnight should have been used for ground noise assessments.

All correspondence or any queries with regard to this report, including acknowledgement of this report, should be forwarded to Ms. Geraldine O Callaghan, Principal Environmental Health Officer, at the above address


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It is important to note the conclusions of the HSE - ground noise and aircraft noise should be taken as one. The cumulative total of ground and aircraft noise must be modelled in the noise contours and therefore all the more reason to include the Longitudinal data as a contour of its own to highlight the true real time noise for those in Dunbro, Millhead, St Margarets , Kilreesk Lane and the The Ward.

Section 14.6 of the EIAR looks at the assessment of effects and significance.

While the EHS assessed all the scenarios covered in the EIAR it was decided to only address the Worst-case Year 2025 Apron 5H Lden Metric and Lnight Metric in this report as these scenarios have the potential to effect more people and as such mitigation measure to best counter this should be implemented. For clarification Apron 5H is a separate planning application which has been submitted to the planning authority that seeks to develop an area in the north east of the airport site, which will result in 10 aircraft stands being located there.

The EIAR states that comparing the 2025 Apron 5H scenario with the 2025 Baseline, the number of people exposed to at least a low level of ground noise (i.e. 50 dB Lden or above) is forecast to

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increase from 24,518 to 31,430, and the number of people exposed to at least a high level of ground noise (i.e. 65 dB Lden or above) is forecast to increase from 3 to 6.

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Chapter 10

Runway Usage.

Table 3: Future Runway Usage Once the North Runway is constructed and operational Dublin Airport will operate during the daytime (07:00 – 23:00) in accordance with Conditions 3a-3c per the mode of operation Option 7b, as detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement Addendum, Section 16 as received by the planning authority on the 9th day of August, 2005.

This provides that:

(a) the parallel runways (10R-28L and 10L-28R) shall be used in preference to the cross runway, 16-34,

(b) when winds are westerly, Runway 28L shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. Either Runway 28L or 28R shall be used for departing aircraft as determined by air traffic control, (c) when winds are easterly, either Runway 10L or 10R as determined by air traffic control shall be preferred for arriving aircraft. Runway 10R shall be preferred for departing aircraft, and except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports. In practice it is expected that, unless capacity requires mixed mode, the runways will operate in segregated mode during the day with arrivals using either Runway 10L or Runway 28L and departures using either Runway 10R or Runway 28R depending on wind direction. The few movements by Code F aircraft are an exception to this, as they will always use the North Runway. It is also proposed that departures by Category A & B aircraft heading south during westerly operations will use the South Runway, and those heading north during easterly operations will use the North Runway. A method of determining mixed mode runway usage on the main runways (North and South) for modelling purposes has been developed. The modelled runway usage has been determined on an hourly basis. Most of the time the runways will operate in segregated mode, i.e. one runway for all arrivals, the other for all departures.

However, there will be occasions during peak hours when runways will need to operate in mixed mode, i.e. both runways used simultaneously for arrivals and departures. The change from segregated to mixed mode and back to segregated mode will be determined by ATC and once changed to a particular mode the airport is likely to operate in that mode for at least two hours.

Activity switches from segregated mode to mixed mode where activity is such that any of the three following single runway capacity limits are exceeded: 1. More than 35 arrivals in one hour. 2. More than 44 departures in one hour. 3. More than 48 movements (combined arrivals and departures) on one runway in one hour. In mixed mode, where each individual runway handles both arrivals and departures, departures will operate using the compass departure principle. This means that if a departure is using a route that turns to the north then the North Runway will be used, and conversely if it is using a route that turns to the south, the South Runway will be used. For westerly operations when in mixed mode as few arrivals as possible will use 28R, while not exceeding the single runway capacity limit of 48 combined arrivals and departures on runway 28L. For easterly operations when in mixed mode as few arrivals as possible will use 10R, while not exceeding the single runway capacity limit of 48 combined arrivals and departures on runway 10L.

When using the North Runway most aircraft will not use the full length on departure, and instead join the runway from the 1st intermediate taxiway. The exception are Code E and Code F aircraft, which will typically use the full runway length. All departures on the existing South Runway will use the full runway length. During the night-time period (23:00 – 07:00)

for scenarios based on what is currently permitted the South Runway is the preferred runway.

It is worth noting the level of aircraft ATM envisaged on the two runways 35 arrivals and 44 departures in one hour, will then switch to segregated mode – that is 79 movement in 1 hour , 60 minutes – more than one every minute. Code F are the larger aircraft and will use the new North Runway – these will use the new flight path and subject residents under the flightpath to higher levels of SEL and Lamax. **Code F are the larger aircraft and therefore noisier with increased db levels - LAMAX and SEL.**

CHAPTER 11

- NOISE QUOTA SYSTEM

A **noise quote system** is proposed for night time noise at the airport . The airport shall be subject to an annual noise quota of 7990 between the hrs of 2330 and 0600 hrs.

October, 2005

A briefing was prepared for MPs by the AEF on the ‘Night Noise Quota Count Scheme’. The briefing was prepared in connection with the Civil Aviation Bill in Oct 05, but is of general relevance to the night flights issue.

(Aircraft Environmental Federation)

Summary

The Night Noise Quota Scheme professes to be a regime that will encourage the uptake of quieter aircraft but its numerous shortcomings **in fact allow far more planes to fly at night, while maintaining the same supposed ‘noise climate’.**

While these planes may indeed be marginally quieter, **it is the number of noise events, rather than a token reduction of a few decibels, that causes the misery of sleep deprivation to residents living under flight paths. It is essential, therefore, that the cap on numbers of movements at night is retained.**

Although the Bill [Civil Aviation Bill] as currently worded merely enables the Secretary of State to set a limit based on noise rather than movements, given the strong business lobby for a quota-only system AEF **suspects it will only be a matter of time before the movements limit is abolished altogether.**

Explanation

The Scheme rates all aircraft types according to their respective noisiness of landing and and take-off using a measure called EPNdB 'effective perceived noise' in decibels. Band of EPNdB are assigned a Quota Count (QC) rating, this being done on an exponential scale.

For each reduction of 3 in EPNdB the QC is halved:

EPNdB over 101.9 is QC/16

EPNdB 99 – 101.9 is QC/8

EPNdB 96 – 98.9 is QC/4

EPNdB 93 – 95.9 is QC/2

EPNdB 90 – 92.9 is QC/1

EPNdB less than 90 is QC/0.5

EPNdB less than 87 is exempt (ie QC of zero).

A limit is placed on the total number of QC points per 6 month season (how these are assigned per night is at the discretion of the airport operator). Thus under a pure quota count system, if planes rated at 96 EPNdB were replaced with planes rated at 95 EPNdB, twice as many could be flown during the restricted period.

The environmental objective is to keep within a given 'average noise' limit for the whole night, measured in Leq. Leq stands for Level equivalent and is calculated by adding together the noise energy of all the noise events across a given time period and then taking the continuous level (ie. it irons out the peaks and troughs).

An extreme case will illustrate the way Leq works. One concorde on departure had equivalent noise energy to 120 Boeing 757s – so one [Boeing 757] plane every 2 minutes for 4 hours, produced the same Leq as 2 mins of concorde followed by 3 hrs 58 mins of silence.

There is no official noise index for showing night noise in the UK (although Leq is officially recognised during the day period between 0700 and 2300). However, the Government believes that producing 'noise maps' for airports at night using Leq contours is an adequate way of expressing aircraft noise, and has produced maps for the London airports in its recent consultation on the night noise regime.

This method is an inadequate as a way of assessing the impact of a small number of noisy events distributed over a long and otherwise tranquil period. This is explicitly stated by the World Health Organisation in their guidelines for noise levels:

"Where there are no clear reasons for using other measures, it is recommended that LAeq,T be used to evaluate more-or-less continuous environmental noises. However, when there are distinct events to the noise, as with aircraft or railway noise, measures of individual events such as the maximum noise level (LA Max) or the weighted sound exposure level (SEL) should also be obtained in addition to

LAeq,T.”)[NB: ‘LAeq,T’ is simply a fuller description of ‘Leq’ – the ‘A’ indicating the weighting scale used and T specifying the time period] (WHO Guidelines for Community Noise, Executive Summary, p2.)

As planes get marginally quieter many more will be allowed to fly at night under a pure quota count scheme. But it is the frequency of noise events that can ruin a night's sleep. If I am woken up by all noise events over 90 dB, I will not be pleased to hear twice as many, even if they are 92 dB rather than 95 dB. **Hence it is essential that a numbers limit on night movements is retained.**

Other problems with the QC system:

It is misleading to equate a 3dB reduction with a halving of ‘annoyance’, even for the individual event. EPNdB is a measure of ‘noise energy’ and it is by no means certain that a halving of noise energy results in a halving of noise heard by the human ear, despite the name.

Research over many years has show that halving the noise energy, ie reducing the noise level 3dB, by no means halves the perceived noise. The ear detects it only as a slight reduction. **For noise to sound half as loud, the noise level must be reduced by about 10dB.**

It is because the perceived loudness is not proportional to noise energy that the ‘logarithmic’ scale of decibels was introduced into the science of acoustics.

QCs are assigned according to certified rather than actual measured noise. There is evidence that actual practices are often noisier – sometimes one whole QC band noisier. DfT applies a reduction on arrival noise by 9 EPNdB. This has some justification given the way noise is certified, but it **fails to account for the different quality of noise and the different set of people affected by departures. It has the effect of artificially lowering the QC of arrivals – and most of the movements at night are arrivals.**

A fuller explanation, with reference to the most recent change in quotas at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted is given on the [DfT web site](#). While this is informative and factually correct, it does not (of course) explain the flaws inherent in the system.

Take note of extract from the above – which demonstrates our point of incremental change to get over this hurdle of removing the night time restrictions.

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Ref: AEF 2005 report (Aircraft Environmental Federation (UK).

2. ANCA RFIs

Request No.	Document Reference	Request
1	EIAR Chapter 1 - It appears that the noise quota count does not apply for the 1.5 hours of shoulder period.	The Applicant is requested to clarify why the noise quota count does not apply for the periods 23:00-23:30 and 06:00-07:00.
Response: Please refer to Dublin Airport Developing a Proposed Annual Night Quota (Appendix A).		

The applicant refers to Section 4 for discussion.

The Noise Quota System is designed to limit the overall amount of noise produced by aircraft using an airport based on the Noise Quota Allowance for a given time period.

There is a restriction in place on runway 10L -28R with NO scheduled night flights between 2100 and 0700 per the planning permission F04A/1755 as defined in a legal planning document in August 2007 by ABP following an intense Oral hearing by residents from St Margarets and Portmarnock. (SMCRG and UPROAR)

DAA proposals are based on the system currently in operation at the UK London Airports

Why UK airports and no European airports such as Schipol , Berlin, Frankfurt – European airports - UK has now exited the EU . Are there comparisons for other EU airports put forward.?

A QC (Quota count) value is assigned to each individual aircraft movement, based on noise levels provided on the aircrafts Noise Certificate . Current QC Bands are

0.125
0.25
0.5
1
2
3
4
8
16

a lower QC for aircraft with lower noise levels, higher QC for noisier aircraft.

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THERE ARE 9 different QC values put forward.

Aircraft have a separate QC values for arrival and for departure.

Arrival
Departure.

Will the quota counts be based on ATOW or Aircraft Landing weight.

(Aircraft Take off Weight)

The proposals for a Night Quota System are for an Annual Night Quota (ANQ) of 7,990 applied to a 6.5h Night Qouta period (23.30 – 05.59)

Draft implementation proposals are provided in Section 5 (refer to another Section) and are based on those in Stansted currently.

THESE WILL BE FINALISED IN ADVANCE OF THE ANQ COMING INTO PLACE SHOULD THE RELEVANT ACTION APPLICATION BE GRANTED PERMISSION

First daa need to the removal of the conditions – cart before the horse. ANCA have increased the AQC figure of 7990 to 16260 more than doubling the AQC in their DRD.

So DAA are redefining the night hours by reducing night time, thus removing 91 minutes from the night time hours per the WHO and standardised and accepted night time sleep and rest hours.

The applicant is dictating the terms, redefining the hours, and dictating to ANCA a system, that is in place in the UK , now outside the EU in relation to the ICAO and EU END (European Noise Directive) as a result of Brexit.

The DAA consider that a movements based constraint would not promote the use of quieter aircraft during the night consistent with achieving the effects based outcomes of the cNAO

They state that use of the QC system will incentivise airlines to modernise .

What the QC does is to say to airlines, the quieter your aircrafts the more ATMS you can have, thus increasing the night time activity per 8 hour period. Remember the current restriction in the planning only permits 65 movements on the current runway with ZERO - scheduled flights on the new runway in the interests of the health and well being of the near by communities, and those significantly and adversely affected by SEL levels of take off and landings, during night time hours 2100 – 0700 .

Considerations for the development of the Night Quota include:

The implementation of EU598.

Development of an Annual Noise quota Allowance (ANCA have increased the AQC by a whopping 6,900 AIRCRAFT NOISE COUNTS (REPRESENTING AN ADDITION OF 6,900 DEPARTURES AND LANDINGS , DURING THE NIGHT SPREAD OVER THE YEAR NOISE to a total of 16,260 AQC – AIRCRAFT QUOTA COUNTS. How can this be?

The duration of the Night Quota period and shoulder hours?

Implementation and management processes

Other special cases such as allowances by runway, or by night

So the applicant is making assumptions around their proposals on a NQS that is UK based, outside the EU now, for implementation by ANCA under the EU598/2014 Directive. The above states the following:

A noise quota allowance annually has to be developed. -so DAA have received a favourable yes to their request to squash 2 conditions and given more than what was applied for – this certainly looks like Daa control ANCA financially and in decisions and what is permitted. This does not sit at all well with those adversely affected.

Decision and confirmation on the NQ night quota period and the shoulder hours - which should be 10-11pm (2200 – 2300) and not 1100 – 1200 , as night begins at 2300 and lasts until 0700 . So even if this is permitted Daa are dictating the terms of the AQS.

How will this implemented and managed – by who – who will validate the process and who will oversee it independently. The Applicant is dictating to their regulator to tick the boxes for the END procedure as each member state can set the bar.

FCC are part of ANCA – DAA fund ANCA and the balanced approach must be equally for residents and for DAA and airlines.

What are the Special cases - Allowances per runway - or by night - this needs to be expanded on in the interest of the adversely affected residents.

Whilst analysis indicates that source, operating procedure and land use measures meet the CNAO – proposed by daa - (Candidate Noise Abatement Objective) , Daa is proposing an NQS to provide further assurances around the control of noise at night and to encourage the continued update of the fleet operating at Dublin Airport to comprise of quieter aircraft (consistent with the ICAO balance approach)

So what assurances are always there , and defines this as further control of noise at night?

The QCS encourages more flights per hour with quieter aircraft to fit into the 7990 figure. Now 16,260 per ANCA,s DRD . So how many flights, ATMs do DAA see in the 16,260 figure in 2023, 2024 and 2025 and 2026 2027 2028 2029 and 20230.

What is the actual figure of night time ATMs - actual SEL events with 16,260 AQC.

Notwithstanding the above overwhelming policy support for the proposed Relevant Action, the potential for impacts on local communities as a result of the proposed Relevant Action has been assessed in great detail through the course of preparing this application . In this regard, the proposed, the Relevant Action seeks to apply the **balanced approach** to aircraft noise management at the airport and by introducing new noise mitigations and transparent monitoring safeguards . As a result, it is considered that the proposed Relevant Acton will **provide an acceptable balance for all stakeholders** and ensure that noise will continue to be controlled at the airport upon the commencement of use of North Runway.

The above taken from the Planning report – makes a statement to the humans living directly under the flight path on the boundary of daa lands .

- Only those significantly and adversely affected on the flight path , with aircraft take off and landings at 1000 – 3000ft altitude and experiencing up to 90db - SEL measure can answer that statement. No meaningful consultation has taken place with those persons/ humans.***
- Are homeowners considered as stakeholders , living under the flight paths . – insignificant in the masterplan ?***
- Noise will continue to be controlled at THE AIRPORT when North Runway opens - so Daa control , report , monitor the data, the***

perception, the Noise problem, and the actual incident noise impacts all will continue to be tailor made reports by the Authors and also the approvers. But decisions on use of the runways will be up to the IAA and ATC.

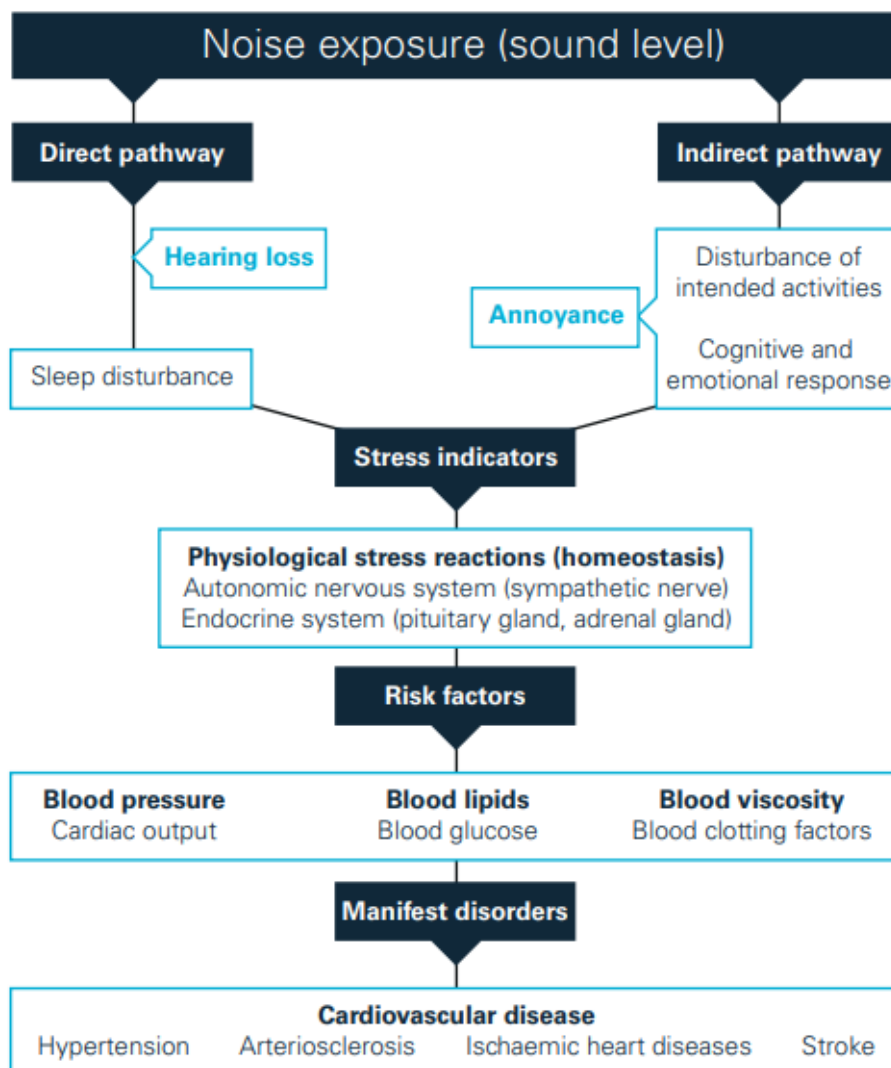


Figure 2: Noise reaction chart, updated version. Taken from Babisch, 2013.

CHAPTER 12

THE HEALTH IMPACTS - EXPLAINED

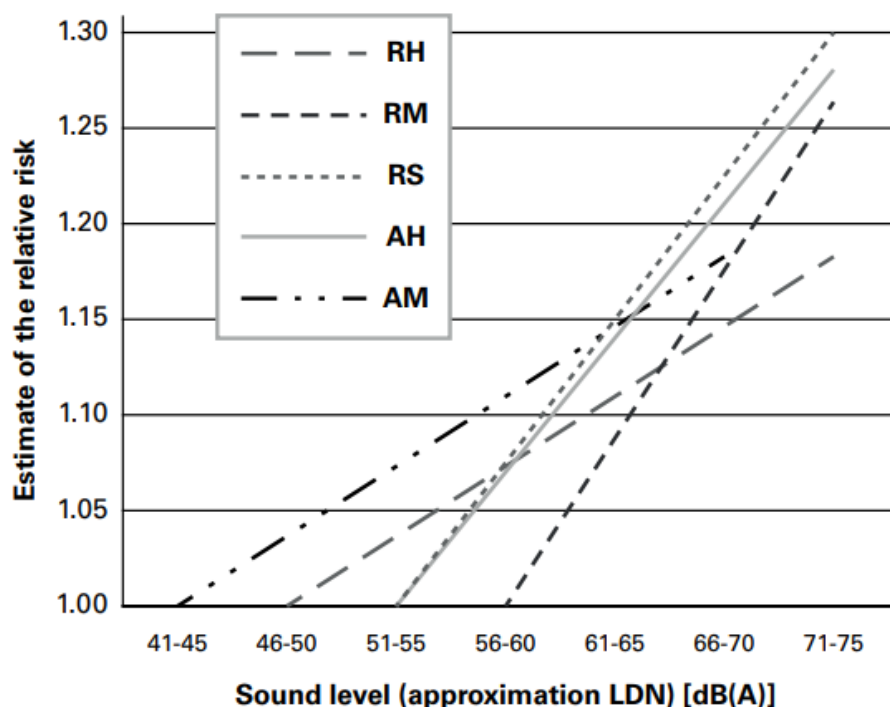


Figure 3: Exposure-response curves of the association between transportation noise and cardiovascular diseases. RH = road traffic noise – hypertension, RM = road traffic noise – myocardial infarction, RS = road traffic noise – stroke, AH = aircraft noise – hypertension, AM = aircraft noise – myocardial infarction.

3.33 Clearly, potential moderators and confounding variables need consideration in such research. These include location of rooms, windows being open or closed, length of residence, age, gender, and type of housing. Babisch suggests that future work should improve the noise assessment to consider secondary road networks and side streets, and quiet side dwellings should be included in the assessment. It is important that day-night differences should be investigated further, in relation to noise-induced sleep disturbance and development of cardiovascular diseases. Air pollution as a confounders or co-exposure also needs to be included in future work.

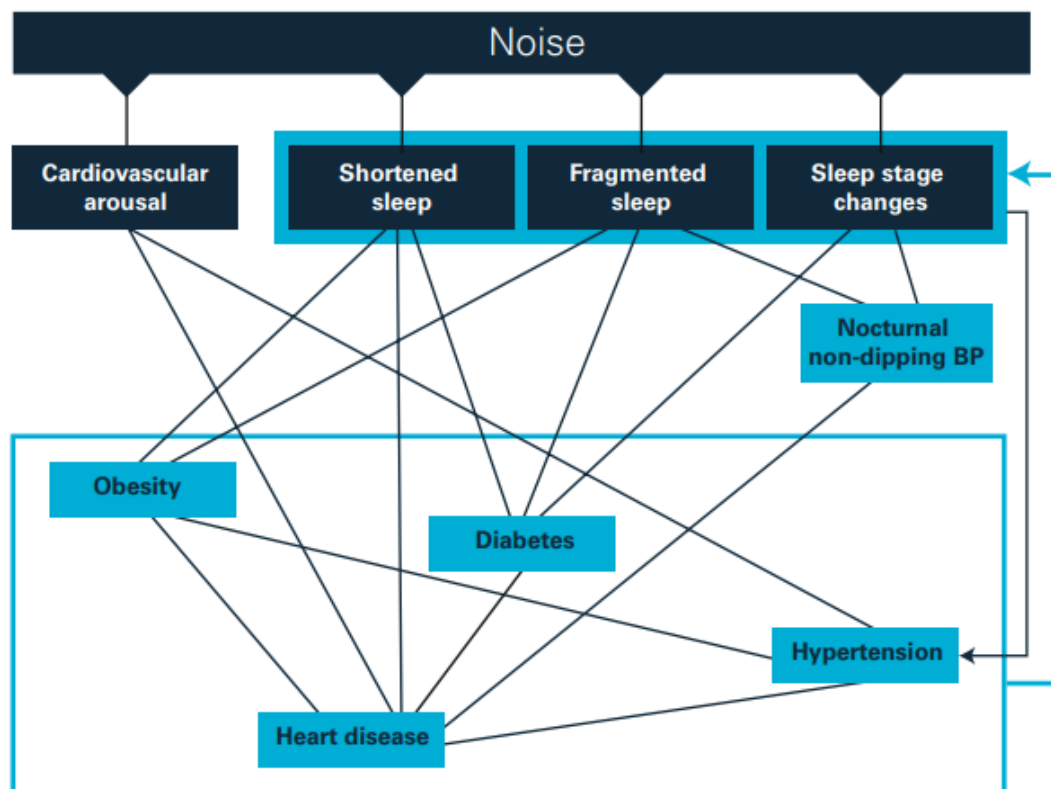
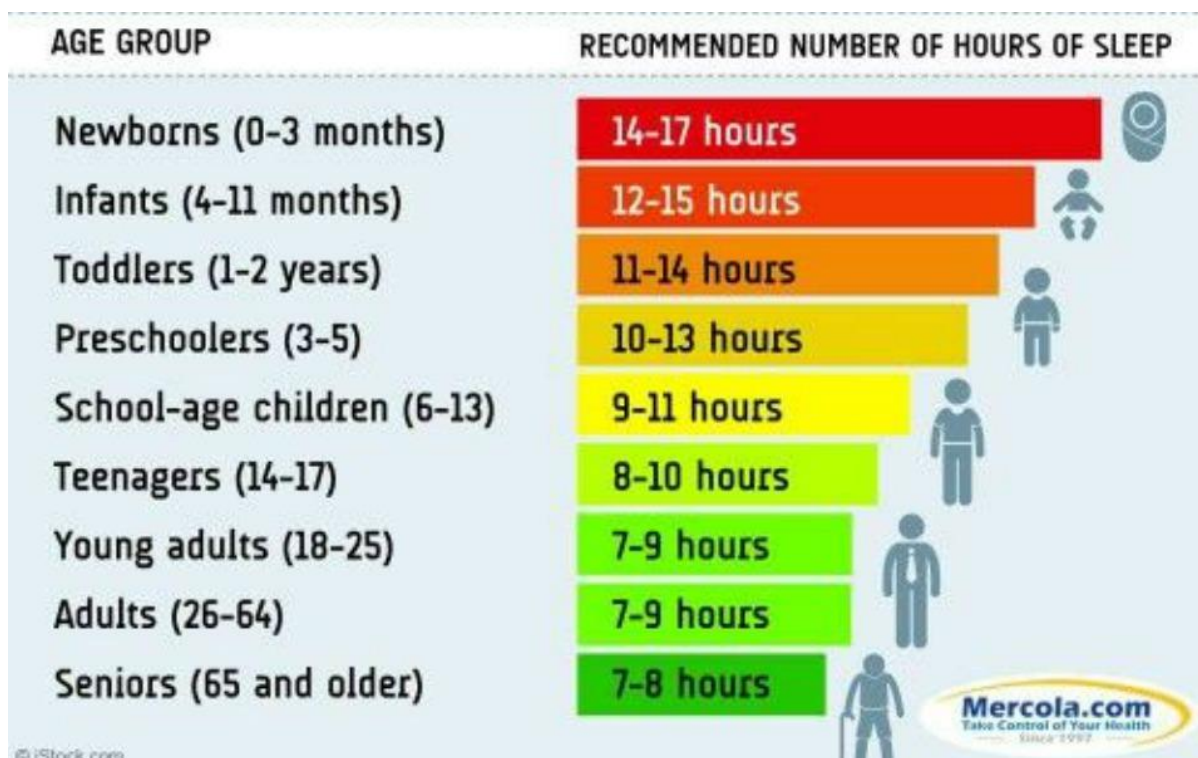


Figure 5: Proposed potential pathways for the health effects of noise through sleep disturbance. Reproduced without permission from the PARTNER report, 2010. Non-dipping blood pressure refers to the absence of a nocturnal decrease in blood pressure that usually occurs during sleep.

Internoise 2013

- 3.34 Various other papers that are relevant to aircraft noise exposure and health effects were published or presented at Internoise 2013 since the last literature review. Matsui from Hokkaido University in Japan reported findings on psychosomatic disorder due to aircraft noise. The study re-analysed previous data obtained from a study in Okinawa around Kadena and Futenma military airfields. This study had shown a dose-response relationship between the prevalence of psychosomatic disorder (PSD) and Ldn of aircraft noise based on responses from the Total Health Index (THI) questionnaire. PSD was diagnosed from a Discriminant Function (DF) score calculated from the answers to the THI questionnaire. The purpose of this study was to re-analyse the data to examine the causal pathway of this relationship and the answers on disturbances to daily life due to aircraft noise (which was obtained from another questionnaire given to the same subjects). The DF score of PSD was analysed with sleep disturbance and speech interference, in relation to day-time and night-time noise exposure. The results indicated that the PSD score around Kadena airfield was significantly associated with sleep disturbance, and the annoyance score was more highly associated with speech interference than sleep disturbance. The conclusion given by the author was that in this location, PSD due to aircraft noise is actually a result of sleep disturbance. These results corroborate those found from a new Narita study, and analysis on hypertension observed around Kadena airfield, which also found that night-time noise was correlated with prevalence of hypertension.
- 3.35 It should be emphasised that military aircraft is typically somewhat different to that associated with civil airports, being composed for louder, but less-frequent events. Historical annoyance surveys around military airfields have tended to show elevated responses for a given noise exposure level.



- 4.14 The report covers the study designs and methodologies used in noise effects research, an introduction to the physiological aspects of sleep and it describes in considerable detail the mechanisms by which sleep loss, deprivation or fragmentation may link to potential health outcomes. These include heart rate changes, alterations in sympathetic tone, connection of sympathetic tone with glucose mismanagement, obesity, the appetite regulating hormones leptin and ghrelin, immune effects of sleep loss, glucose regulation and diabetes, and cardiovascular non-dipping. The effects of noise that are included are memory, noise sensitivity, the relationship between annoyance and cardiovascular disease, performance decrements and task interference.
- 4.15 The methodologies used for the cost-benefit analysis of noise are discussed, with the consensus being that the use of Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) is at present the most appropriate method for valuing the effects of noise. Because this measure is used widely to predict and evaluate the cost of other health outcomes, it is considered useful when making comparisons between the total impact on health of various exposure increases or interventions. For example, for communities near airports, the health effects cost of chemical and particulate exposure can be compared to the health effects cost of noise. Some drawbacks concerning this system include, for example, that it is seen as focusing disproportionate attention on measureable outcomes and poses difficulties for dealing with co-morbidities.

These Extracts have been taken from the a report by the CAA - Aircraft Noise, Sleep Disturbance and Health Effects - CAP1164 – 33 pages.

The diagrams and the report clearly show the impact of aircraft noise on a sleeping person and households. We do accept there will be 16 hours of operation on the North Runway , but that will be relieved with 8 hours to refresh and regenerate for the next day.

The cumulative long term effect of aircraft noise over a 24 hour period x 7 days x 365 days a year, with the knowledge , it is going to increase, in ATMS . The reduction in aircraft will do little to balance the increased number of aircraft taking off and landing at Dublin Airport over the next 3 years – 5 years and 10 years. Airlines will not replace their fleets until their fleets have to be as the cost of an aircraft is huge. **The cost of a A320ceo costs a neat \$101 million at list price while the A320neo goes for \$118.3 million and \$129.5 million, respectively. (taken from Google dated 28th January 2021)**

There's good evidence to suggest that more people are annoyed at lower levels of aircraft noise today than in the past, despite the introduction of relatively less noisy planes. The [CAA's 2014 study into attitudes towards aircraft noise](#) showed the same percentage of respondents highly annoyed at 54dB Leq as were previously affected at 57dB Leq (in 1982).

Some researchers agree with the view of many communities that this could be, in part, related to the increase in the number of noise incidents experienced. While airport noise maps may show noise 'contours' shrinking over time there has been no evidence of a reduction in community concerns.

Changes in exposure as a result of flightpath changes or intensification of use also appear to be a significant factor in explaining community annoyance. This is particularly relevant given the current reorganisation of UK airspace to accommodate precision navigation being pursued as part of a Europe-wide reform of air traffic management. Given the greater accuracy of satellite-based navigation, flight paths have become narrower. This can have advantages and disadvantages: while it could lead to a decrease in the number of people overflown compared to a more dispersed approach, it tends to concentrate more flights over communities living directly under the flightpath.



Aircraft noise is a public health issue. It can impact memory and learning in children, disturb sleep, and cause serious long-term health problems including cardiovascular disease. A [large scale study](#) around Heathrow Airport found that people living under the flightpath were 10-20% more at risk of stroke and heart disease than those not living under the flight path. There is also emerging evidence of impacts on mental health, linked to increases in stress and anxiety. A large body of health evidence is reviewed in AEF's 2016 report [Aircraft Noise and Public Health: the Evidence is Loud and Clear](#). The World Health Organisation (Europe Region) issued its Environmental Health Guidelines in October 2018 which make specific health-based recommendations for limiting night and daytime exposure to aircraft noise.

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Actions to tackle noise

Because aviation is exempt from noise nuisance claims, there is little legal protection for people affected by aircraft noise. AEF's published guides explain the relevant legislation and role of regulators and other bodies, how to complain about aircraft noise, and how to make your views known in the airspace change and planning processes. With the exception of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted where the Secretary of State uses discretionary powers to impose noise regulations, most airports and airfields in the UK are regulated by the planning system, with variable results. Some airports have planning conditions or agreements limiting operating hours and numbers of movements for example, but others can operate under established use rights with few restrictions.

In some cases, certain activities or developments can operate under deemed or temporary permissions that don't even require a planning application. This means that many ongoing noise issues are dependent on local resolution between communities and airports.

The Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) became operational in January 2019, with a remit to be "an impartial, authoritative voice on aviation noise matters". However, following an independent review of ICCAN's objectives, functions and outcomes, the Government took the decision to dismantle the Commission in September 2021.

AEF's role

AEF is calling for the introduction of quantitative noise limits and targets including delivery of the WHO's recommendations to protect health. We also support the introduction of quieter technologies through the imposition of tougher noise standards for manufacturers (we play an active role in the UN ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection where these standards are set), as well as incentives and regulations to remove old, noisy technology from the fleet. We provide a voice for communities on national policy matters, and currently attend the Department for Transport's Airspace and Noise Engagement Group (ANEG) and its Airspace Strategy Board, which oversees the modernisation of UK airspace.

The Applicant has used the UK as their comparison to put forward their assumptions , projections , operating data , for a runway that is not yet open. Looking at health studies in Germany (The Sleep Study -STRAIN Cologne and Frankfurt Airport) it is very clear the health impacts of removing Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 as set out by ABP in the planning permission. The effects on health were robustly presented by UPROAR at the Oral Hearing in 2006, thus leading to these night time restrictions.

While our school, in St Margarets may have the best sound insulation possible, indoors for teaching and learning , this will be cancelled , if a child, student is denied a full nights sleep and restful night time period.

CHAPTER 13

Health and GHG (Green House Gases)

Air Quality and GHG (Green House Gases)

As a homeowner, it is very difficult to understand this subject and even more so the chapter in the EIAR.

To make a submission on this issue of Air quality that impacts on those habituating humans under the flight path and on the ground, parallel to the runways, a study was undertaken to understand the pollutants around Dublin Airport and the impact of them.

References were taken from the WHO (World Health Organisation) and other information , available online. Surprisingly , there was the lack of information on Benzene, a harmful pollutant to human health and note the applicant has not included this pollutant in this EIAR.

Page 36 – Vol. 4 Inspectors report.

Mr. Bailey stated that noise has less compounding factors than air quality in terms of studies. Prof. Heffron answered questions on epidemiology vs. toxicological studies of airports. He confirmed that **benzene is the most dangerous compound but is not an airport specific emission**. Protection factors are used when extrapolating what is acceptable in terms of impact on human health and a conservative policy is adopted in setting standards. It is being

reduced by 1 ug per year until it becomes nought in 2010 thereby giving a setting of 5ug/m³. There is a 100% margin of tolerance included. As such a reading over 5ug/m³ would not be a material concern as the protection factor set for levels of benzene are significantly below the level at which concerns in terms of human health would arise. Ms. Lawton noted that benzene levels were recorded at 5.18 at St. Margaret's in 2003. Mr. Bailey stated that the annual average of benzene is the correct measurement not a monthly measurement.

Appendix 11A Required Aircraft Model Substitutions.

11.1.1. As outlined in Chapter 11 Climate and Carbon, some aircraft models were not available with the Aviation Emissions Calculator or the Atmosfair Flight Emissions Calculator which were used to calculate GHG emissions associated with Air Traffic Movements (ATM). In these instances, the closest available model produced by the same manufacturer was selected as proxy.

In the Fleet Mixes Annex 2

The Boeing 737 freighter is not a scheduled flight.

The A380 – 800 and A350 – 900 are not scheduled and included the GHG models.

When you fly atmosfair, your emissions are calculated as precisely as possible. The calculations include the effects of the different pollutants according to the latest scientific knowledge, especially to their impact at high altitude. At the same time every consumption of a given flight. A plane may have to take a detour because of fog, the load may be higher or lower than average. Variations like these cannot be included in the calculation.

So we note from the Atmosfair Flight Emissions Calculator, the results are based on assumptions of future weather forecasts, scientific knowledge on different pollutants put forward.

Note in the Oral hearing – Angela Lawton stated that the Benzene levels were recorded at St Margarets at 5.18 in 2003
What is the level of Benzene at St Margarets and at the receptors in 2018 and 2021, and project in 2022 and 2025.

(Extract taken from the Atmosfair Flight Emissions Calculator)

Emissions calculator

When you fly atmosfair, your emissions are calculated as precisely as possible. The calculations include the effects of the different pollutants according to the latest scientific knowledge, especially to their impact at high altitude. At the same time every calculation has its limits: one can only calculate a presumably fuel consumption of a given flight. A plane may have to take a detour because of fog, the load may be higher or lower than average. Variations like these cannot be included in the calculation.

Data on airplane types, engines, flight routes, etc., was generated in scientific research projects and verified by the Federal Environmental Agency in Berlin.

What factors are used in the calculation of emissions?

Not all flights are the same. It is obvious that a flight from Frankfurt to Honolulu causes more environmental damage than a flight from Hamburg to Cologne. In short, a number of factors other than the distance of a flight must be taken into account to calculate the impact of one single air-passenger on the world's climate, and thus to determine how much an "atmosfair ticket" should cost.



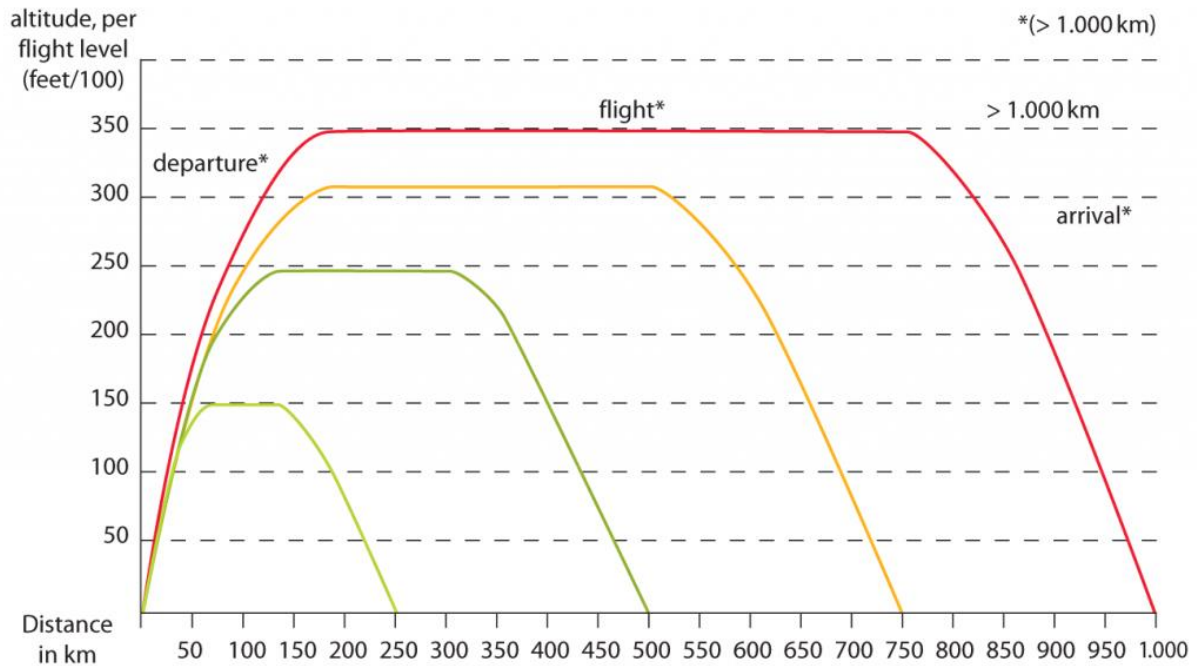
The emissions calculator contains stored data on all relevant information. Because the calculator uses data sets of high scientific quality, a Pi-mal-Daumen, or rough result is completely avoided. The data that is embedded in the calculator has been verified by the German Federal Environmental Agency.

The VDPS .

There is nothing onerous about Condition 3(d) and Condition 5 -as the wording is very clear.

The Onerous conditions , were condition 7 and 9 . The flight path residents have been excluded from the start to clarify these, and to participate in any meaningful way, and were interpreted to deliberately exclude those homes that were red circled in the runways development. The scheme certainly does not go far enough to acknowledge the impact on health, physical and mental and peace of mind into the future.

Those adversely affected are now trapped between two schemes that fall far short of a fair and equitable outcome. The Insulation cannot be achieved at 30-40db per night, for those in the flightpath and on the boundaries . Therefore the choice for those residents is stark , unjust, unfair and is considered discrimination , in our view.



Source: TÜV 2000

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Analysis 1

The following extract from the EIS with levels extracted for particular receptors relevant for our submission.

13 Kilreesk Lane

11 Millhead

36 Portmellick

34 Harristown – (take off point on South Ruway Western side)

Air Quality data from EIAR revised - September 2021							
Relevant Action to remove night time restrictions - Condition 3(d) and Condition 5.							
Odour results							
Predicted Odour Concentration (Oue/m3) (98th Percentile)a							
		Permitted.	Proposed	Permitted	Proposed	Permitted	Permitted.
receptor	Area		2022	2025	2025	2035	2035
11	Millhead	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
13	Kilreesk	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
29	Dunbro	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1 Aircraft on runway rolling.
36	Portmellick	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2 Take off / climb positon.
34	Harristown	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4 Take off point on South runway.
so why is Harristown higher							
The figures need to be explained in actual noise smell and how they are derived.							

Analysis 2.

What is Particulate Matter (PM)?

Particulate matter, or PM, is the name given to [fine dust](#) or liquid particles that are suspended in the air we breathe. These particles can come from natural sources (such as pollen), or from human activities ([such as fuel combustion](#)).

Large PM (think: sand, pollen, or smoke) can be seen by the naked eye, but PM with a diameter of less than 10 micrometers (or PM10) is often too small to be perceived. That said, when fine PM exists in exceptionally high concentrations (as it does in Delhi and Beijing), it can form a visible haze. Regardless of whether or not we notice any visual changes in our air quality, inhaling high levels of fine particulate matter can have [serious impacts on our health](#).

Dublin Airport experiences many weather issues with fog, during the winter months. .

PM2.5 Basics

When scientists, doctors, politicians, and environmentalists talk about particle pollution, they're usually talking about PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter of less than 2.5 microns). This super-fine, largely invisible pollutant is more than 30 times smaller than a single strand of human hair.

Due to its microscopic size, PM2.5 is easily inhaled and has the potential to travel deep into our respiratory tracts. Once there, it can cause chronic irritation, trigger allergies and asthma, and increase our risk of developing serious infections and disease such as [COPD](#). More recent studies have also linked high particulate pollution levels to [fertility complications](#) and [reduced life expectancy rates](#).

In addition to the density of air pollution, our sensitivity to PM_{2.5} depends on the nature of the chemicals or organic compounds present. Although we know high levels of PM_{2.5} are unequivocally bad for our health, the exact level at which they become problematic and the severity of the health effects of ambient PM_{2.5} are still being explored. Less severe symptoms of elevated PM_{2.5} include chronic skin, eye, and throat irritation, headaches, persistent allergy symptoms, and more frequent respiratory infections.

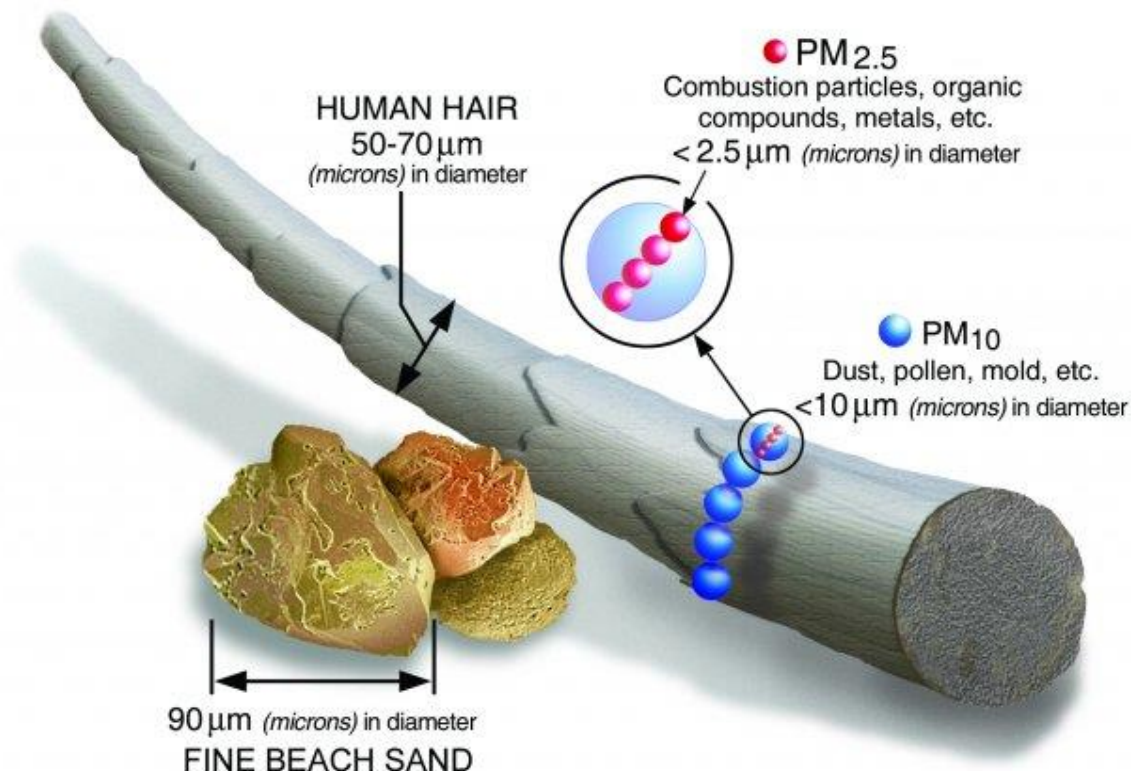
Be in the Know

Is the “fresh air” you’re letting into your home truly healthy? Will opening a window help or hurt your asthma? Should you consider buying an air purifier, humidifier, or fan?

It’s easy to feel overwhelmed by information about air pollution if you don’t have the tools to change your environment. If you live in an area with high particle pollution, don’t panic. Monitoring your indoor air quality at home and work is one way to take control of your health and the air you breathe.

When it comes to air quality, knowledge is power.

What is PM, and how does it get into the air?



Size comparisons for PM particlesWhat is PM, and how does it get into the air?

PM stands for particulate matter (also called particle pollution): the term for a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air. Some particles, such as dust, dirt, soot, or smoke, are large or dark enough to be seen with the naked eye. Others are so small they can only be detected using an electron microscope.

Particle pollution includes:

- **PM₁₀**: inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 10 micrometers and smaller; and
- **PM_{2.5}**: fine inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller.
 - How small is 2.5 micrometers? Think about a single hair from your head. The average human hair is about 70 micrometers in diameter – making it 30 times larger than the largest fine particle.

Sources of PM

These particles come in many sizes and shapes and can be made up of hundreds of different chemicals.

Some are emitted directly from a source, such as construction sites, unpaved roads, fields, smokestacks or fires.

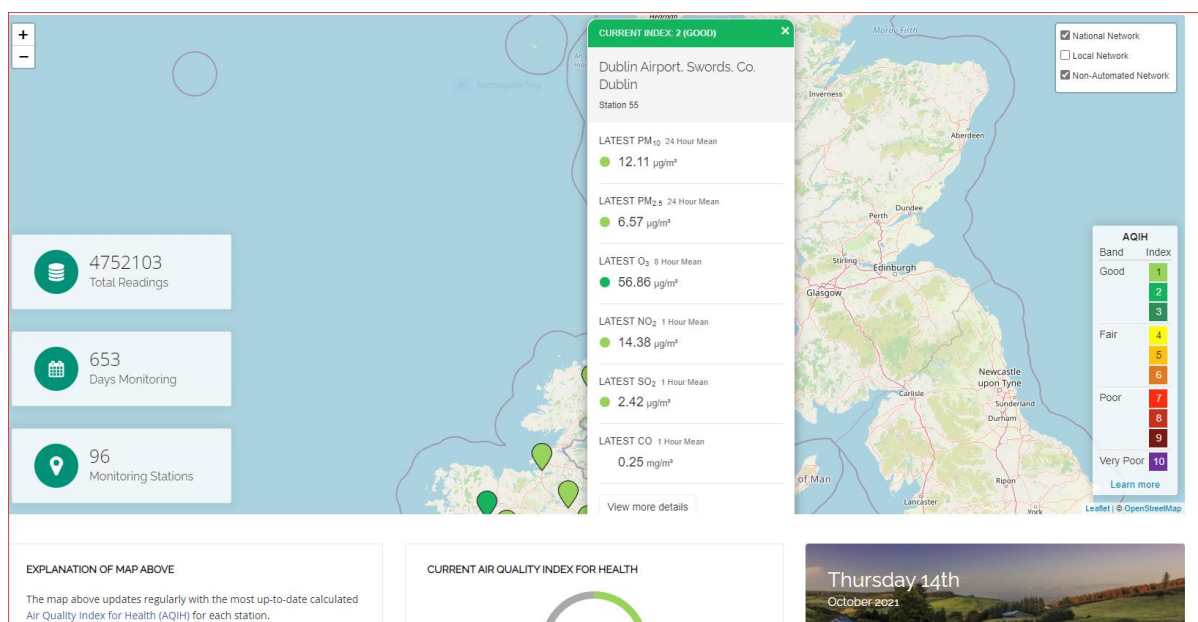
Most particles form in the atmosphere as a result of complex reactions of chemicals such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, which are pollutants emitted from power plants, industries and automobiles.

Particulate matter contains microscopic solids or liquid droplets that are so small that they can be inhaled and cause serious health problems. Some particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter can get deep into your lungs and some may even get into your bloodstream. Of these, particles less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter, also known as fine particles or PM_{2.5}, pose the greatest risk to health.

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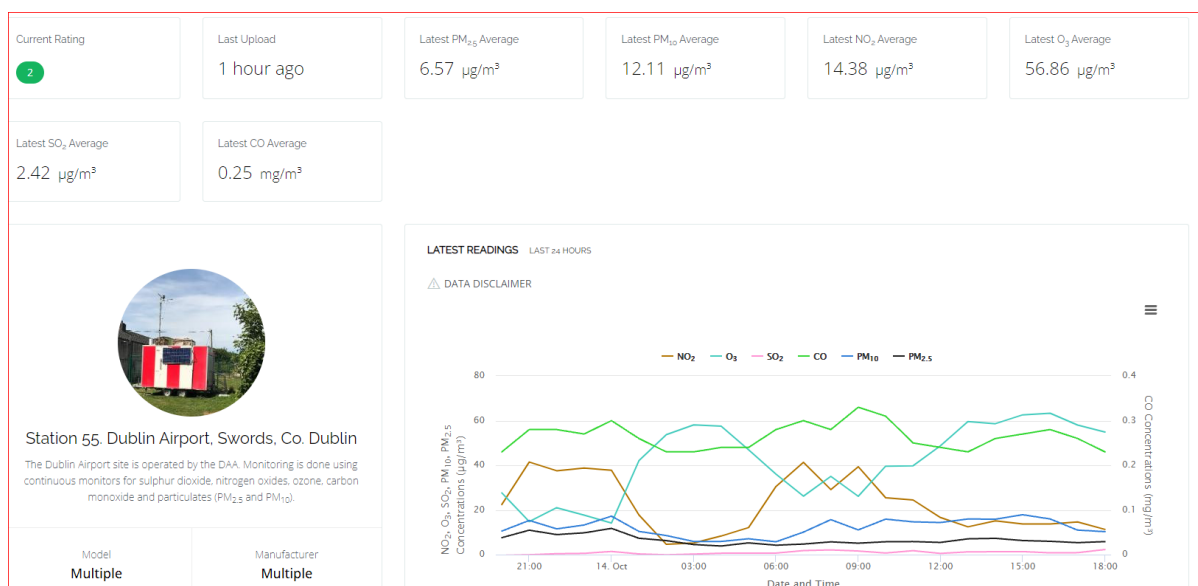
Extract from EPA report - reading on 14th October 2021



Where is the Station and how far from the receptors ?

Station 55 Dublin Airport Swords, Co Dublin.

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What We Monitor

The Environmental Protection Agency manages the national ambient air quality monitoring network. We also measure the levels of a number of atmospheric pollutants. The pollutants of most concern are those whose main source is traffic such as Particulate Matter and Nitrogen Dioxide.

Particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5})

PM are particles in the air typically measured as PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} with diameters of 10µm (microns) or 2.5µm. In Ireland, the main sources are solid fuel burning and vehicular traffic. Other sources are soil and road surfaces, construction works and industrial emissions or natural sources such as windblown salt, plant spores and pollens. These direct emissions are known as primary PM. Particulate matter can be formed from reactions between different pollutant gases (secondary sources).

Small particles can penetrate the lungs and cause damage. There are high levels of PM₁₀ in many cities and towns.

Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)

Emissions from traffic are the main source of nitrogen oxides in Ireland along with electricity generating stations and industry. Nitrogen dioxide can affect the throat and lung. The main effects are emphysema and cellular damage.

It impacts visually as it has a brown colour and gives rise to a brown haze. Oxides of nitrogen contribute to the formation of acid rain and of ozone.

Levels in Ireland are moderate but are increasing due to growth in traffic numbers.

Ozone (O₃)

Ozone is a natural component of the atmosphere. Most ozone is found high up in the stratosphere, the layer of the atmosphere between 12km and 50km above sea level. Stratospheric ozone is essential to life on earth as it protects us from harmful rays from the sun.

Ozone is also found in the troposphere, the layer of the atmosphere next to the earth. Exposure to high concentrations of tropospheric ozone causes chest pains, nausea and coughing in humans.

Long term exposure to moderate concentrations causes a reduction in lung capacity and can worsen heart disease, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma. Tropospheric ozone contributes to the greenhouse effect and subsequent global climate change.

Levels of ozone in Ireland are moderate.

Sulphur dioxide (SO₂)

The main source of sulphur dioxide in Ireland is burning coal and oil to heat homes and industries and to produce electricity.

It is an irritant gas which attacks the throat and lungs. Prolonged exposure can lead to increases in respiratory illnesses like chronic bronchitis. It contributes to the formation of acid rain which damages vegetation and buildings.

Levels in Ireland are low to moderate. Levels have decreased over recent years due to increased use of low-sulphur "smokeless" coal, increased use of natural gas instead of solid fuels and reduced industrial emissions through IPC licensing.

Carbon monoxide (CO)

The main source of carbon monoxide in Ireland is traffic. It is absorbed into the bloodstream more readily than oxygen, so the relatively small quantities in inhaled air can have harmful effects.

Prolonged exposure can cause tissue damage and individuals suffering from cardiovascular disease are particularly at risk. Levels in Ireland are low.

Benzene (C₆H₆)

Benzene comes from petrol emissions and the evaporation of petrol at petrol stations. It is a carcinogen.

Acute short-term inhalation may cause drowsiness, dizziness, headaches, as well as eye, skin, and respiratory tract irritations, and, at high levels, unconsciousness. Levels of benzene are low in Ireland.

Lead (Pb)

The main source of lead in air has historically been from petrol engine exhaust emissions. High concentrations can affect mental and physical development in children. Long-term exposure to low levels of lead can affect the nervous system.

There is no details on Benzene levels around Dublin Airport. This does not appear to be addressed. So where are the Benzene levels for the receptors included in this submission.

Following taken from East Midlands Airport

Benzene is **present in aviation fuels** and the operation of aircraft (and vehicles) at the airport all contribute to the ambient concentration of benzene. The Government's Air Quality Strategy establishes a very stringent target to safeguard health.

Reducing aircraft emissions

The way in which we control aircraft whilst they are on the ground and in the air can significantly affect emissions.

Our Air Traffic Controllers and airline partners work together to adopt rigorous measures, ensuring that emissions to air are minimised. This includes delaying an aircraft from starting any engines until it is known that take-off clearance will not be delayed. When taxiing to and from the runway many of our airline partners also manoeuvre using just one engine. The [Continuous Descent Approach](#) technique which we promote among arriving aircraft also contributes to reduced aircraft emissions

Jet emissions contain particulate matter that affects the environment. According to studies, combustion of jet fuels culminates into the release of benzpyrene as a byproduct of incomplete combustion that normally comes out with soot (Rojo, 2007). This chemical is highly carcinogenic and has been shown to be a causative agent of many cancers as well as tumors in human beings culminating from skin and lung adsorptions. Besides, combustion of jet fuel has been associated with the production of high amounts of sulphur dioxide, a harmful gas that can cause severe irritation of the eyes and airway tracts. Literature indicates that jet fuel contains high concentrations of sulphur, nearly 1000ppm as compared to 10ppm in diesel (Mark J. & Mark W., 2000). During combustion, this is converted into the harmful sulphur dioxide, which is transmitted into the atmosphere thereby compromising quality of air.

Other harmful emissions include volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and carbon dioxide. VOCs can include, for example benzene, which is carcinogenic, and some forms of aldehydes that can cause forms of skin, eyes, and air tract irritation (Mark J. & Mark W., 2000). Volatile organic substances usually originate from vaporized fuel or incompletely combusted material that exits as exhaust gas. In some instances, the volatile compounds attach to particulate materials and escape into the air, culminating into compromised air quality around the airport. Carbon dioxide emanates from the combustion of organic fuels. It is a major contributor to climatic deterioration and global warming.

Sources indicate that this chemical is produced in large quantities from aircraft activities in the United States and other highly developed airports that have a lot of jet activity (Rojo, 2007). **The resulting emissions find their way into the environment, adversely affecting the quality of air. This readily predisposes the populations living around airports, air travel personnel, and travellers, to dangerous environmental and health concerns. According to the Danish Ecocouncil (2012), jet emissions usually affect a radius of twenty-five miles around the airport area.** This implies that communities, animals, and crop plants are dusted with toxic jet emissions within a distance of twenty-five miles away from the airport every day.

Typically, airports spew toxic pollutants in hundreds of tons annually all over the world. Flow of air currents ensures that the toxic pollutants also reach water bodies where they negatively affect marine life.

Conclusion

Various pollutants caused by aviation practices affect **the quality of air around airports posing a real health problem. Aircraft movements while on the ground, during landing and taking off, produce significant pollutant emissions, which affect the quality of air around airports.** Besides, road traffic, other machinery, such as forklifts, cranes, and others, are also significant sources of air pollutants around the airport, posing a health risk to surrounding communities, air travel personnel, and travellers. Nitrogen dioxide, benzpyrene, sulphur dioxide, carbon dioxide, and volatile organic compounds are examples of harmful environmental pollutants caused by aviation. It is important to establish positive mitigation policies by all stakeholders, governments, and aircraft manufacturers to come up with proactive approaches aimed at air pollution reduction around airports.

Above from Reference : BohatALA.com - website research. 14th October 2021.

Benzene is a proven carcinogen. Its synergistic action with other pollutants can damage different components of the biosphere. Literature comparing the air quality standards of benzene, its monitoring methods and global concentrations are sparse. This study compiles the worldwide available air quality standards for benzene and highlights the importance of strict and uniform standards all over the world. It was found that out of the 193 United Nation member states, only 53 countries,

including the European Union member states, have ambient air quality standard for benzene. Even where standards were available, in most cases, they were not protective of public health. An extensive literature review was conducted to compile the available monitoring and analysis methods for benzene, and found that the most preferred method, i.e, analyzing by Gas Chromatography and Mass spectroscopy is not cost effective and not suitable for real-time continuous monitoring. The study compared the concentrations of benzene in the indoor and outdoor air reported from different countries. Though the higher concentrations of benzene noticed in the survey were mostly from Asian countries, both in the case of indoor and outdoor air, the concentrations were not statistically different across the various continents. Based on the analyzed data, the average benzene level in the ambient air of Asian countries ($371 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) was approximately 3.5 times higher than the indoor benzene levels ($111 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Similarly, the outdoor to the indoor ratio of benzene level in European and North American Countries were found to be 1.2 and 7.7, respectively. This compilation will help the policymakers to include/revise the standards for benzene in future air quality guideline amendments.

Addressing Air Pollution resulting from Aviation

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is mandated with the setting up of international standards that govern the emission of certain pollutant gases and smoke for new aircraft engines. That notwithstanding, only minimal improvements have occurred in the aviation industry in the reduction of harmful gases and emissions, as compared to other sectors that also use fuel (ICAO, 2014).

Consequently, there is a need for more proactive approaches to mitigate the problem. For example, the adoption of better engine types that encompasses selective catalyst reduction mechanisms and the recirculation of exhaust gas to ensure maximum combustion. Most gaseous and vapor emissions have been associated with incomplete combustion of fuels (Environmental Protection UK, 2012).

Therefore, increasing the number of recirculation cycles will ensure complete combustion and a reduced amount of harmful emissions.

It is also important to develop proactive policies that are consistent with specific concerns associated with air quality and environmental conservation similar to related approaches in other industries, such as automobile. Currently, policies governing aircraft activities and environmental concerns are less stringent than those that govern other sectors of the economy involved with fuel combustion, such as factories and the automobile industry (Kularatna & Sudantha, 2008). This could be partly because most pollution by aircrafts takes place in the higher atmosphere compared to automobiles and other engine activities on the earth's surface. Integrating related aviation policies with those of the transport industry will achieve a common approach to environmental conservation.

Stakeholders, governments, and aircraft manufacturers should also review, develop, and adopt better aircraft technologies on a continuous basis to reduce the extent of air pollution and environmental concerns. In addition, plans should be in place to cater for expansion activities to reduce the overstretching of existing limited resources with increase in air travel demand

1.1. General

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are generally defined by the physicochemical properties like vapor pressure, molecular structure, air/water partition coefficient and boiling point. American Society for Testing and Material have defined VOCs by vapor pressure; "VOCs are organic compounds that have vapor pressure greater than 0.0133 kPa at 298 K" ([American Society for Testing and Materials, 1996](#)). The European Union have also defined VOCs with respect to vapor pressure; "VOCs must have a minimum vapor pressure of 0.01 kPa at 293 K" ([European Union, 1999](#)). World Health Organization (WHO) have defined VOCs with respect to boiling point; Very volatile organic compounds (VVOCs) have boiling points in the range of <0 to 50–100 °C, Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) have it in the range of 240–260 °C to 380–400 °C and the Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) have boiling points in the range of 50–100 °C to 240–260 °C ([World Health Organization, 1989](#)). The VOCs emitted in the atmosphere include saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbons, organic alcohols, aromatic hydrocarbons, halogenated organic compounds and sulfur compounds ([Keller, 1988](#)). Out of these, organic compounds like benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene, commonly called as BTEX compounds, are found to be higher in the ambient air ([Gaur et al., 2016](#); [Montero-Montoya et al., 2018](#); [Tiwari et al., 2010](#)). Among the BTEX compounds, Benzene demands special attention. The US EPA risk assessment guidelines of 1986 had classified benzene as a "known human carcinogen" (Category A) ([USEPA, 1986](#)). The current carcinogenic risk assessment guidelines given by US EPA in 2005 has characterized benzene as a known human carcinogen based on human exposure evidence along with other supporting evidence from animal studies. Occupational based human exposure studies have concluded that exposure to benzene leads to toxic effects, both by oral and inhalation exposure ([USEPA, 2005](#)). Considering the toxic profile and the ubiquitous nature, it is necessary to monitor and regulate benzene in the ambient air.

1.2. Properties of benzene

Benzene remains in the vapor phase in the air. The lifetime of benzene in air ranges from a few hours to days and is dependent on the environmental conditions and the presence of other pollutants. The most important mode of degradation of benzene in the environment is through oxidation by hydroxyl radicle and subsequent removal by rain ([WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2000](#)). The physicochemical properties of benzene are shown in [Table 1](#).

2.4. Europe

It is suggested that all the 28-member states in Europe should comply with the limit set for benzene at 5 µg/m³ (annual) as per the Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe. Among the European Union countries, France has the lowest long-term objective limit for benzene at 2 µg/m³ (Annual) ([Air quality observatory in the Paris region, 2018](#)). Scotland and Northern Ireland set out an objective value of 3.25 µg/m³ ([Air Pollution Information System, 2016](#)), Sweden and Malta have a standard for annual mean with upper threshold: 3.5 µg/m³ and lower threshold of 2 µg/m³ ([Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2010](#); [Swedish Code of Statutes, 2010](#)). Among countries of Europe other than the EU member states, Albania has a permissible limit of 5 µg/m³-8h in primary and secondary standards ([Environmental center for Administration and Technology, 2008](#)) and Belarus has limits 10 µg/m³ (calendar year) and 40 µg/m³ (24h) ([European Union, 2012](#)). Certain countries like Moldova and Ukraine follows standards of the Russian Federation with a maximum allowable concentration of 100 µg/m³ (24 h) ([European Union, 2012](#)).

WHO Guidelines .

Benzene in air exists predominately in the vapour phase, with residence times varying between a few hours and a few days, depending on the environment, the climate and the concentration of other pollutants. Reaction with hydroxy radicals is the most important means of degradation. It can also be removed from air by rain. Sources Benzene is a natural component of crude oil, and petrol contains 1–5% by volume. Within the European Union the maximum allowable concentration is 5%. Benzene is produced in large quantities from petroleum sources and is used for the chemical synthesis of ethyl benzene, phenol, cyclohexane and other substituted aromatic hydrocarbons.

Production in 1988 was estimated to be 20 million tonnes worldwide and 5 million tonnes within the countries of the European Economic Community. Production in the USA and Japan in 1990 was estimated to be 5.4 million and 2.8 million tonnes, respectively (1). Benzene is emitted during its production and from coke ovens. Besides these industrial sources, emission also occurs from different combustion sources, such as motor engines, wood combustion and stationary fossil fuel combustion. The major source is exhaust emissions and evaporation losses from motor vehicles, and evaporation losses during the handling, distribution and storage of petrol.

Cigarette smoke is an important source of benzene in indoor air, and median benzene levels have been found to be higher in the homes of smokers (10.5 µg/m³) than those of nonsmokers (7 µg/m³) in the USA. Corresponding figures from Germany were 11 and 6.5 µg/m³, respectively. The levels in the USA were higher than the corresponding median outdoor concentration, 6 µg/m³, and the mean personal exposure was also higher at 15 µg/m³ (2, 8). The mean concentration of benzene in indoor air in homes across Canada was 7.4 µg/m³, with a maximum value of 68 µg/m³. The mean concentration in outdoor air was 4.4 µg/m³ (3). Passive sampling in households in Germany (Duisburg) showed an average concentration of benzene in children's bedrooms of 9.5 µg/m³ compared to 1.8 µg/m³ outside the windows (9). Indoor air concentrations are enhanced in dwellings near petrol stations (10). Studies of benzene concentrations in the interior of vehicles while driving have shown values of 10–120 µg/m³ in Germany, 37–57 µg/m³ in Sweden, 30–115 µg/m³ in the Netherlands, and mean values of 12–50 µg/m³ in the USA (5). Conversion factors 1 ppm = 3.19 mg/m³ 1 mg/m³ = 0.313 ppm

The study area has been defined modelling study include a selection of residential properties and other sensitive locations such as schools and community facilities . A total of 52 existing receptors were modelled that may be affected by the operation of the runway system.

1. How do we know the baseline used for Air quality and greenhouse gases is correct for this assessment If the information is correct , then the LTO cycles will double when the new runway opens for operation . Residents will experience CO₂ (nitrogen dioxide) and Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) with hydrocarbon (HC) emissions have been derived based on the anticipated aircraft operations in idle mode.
2. **The Air Quality states that APU emissions have not been assessed .**

The assessment also considers the additional surface passenger journeys as a result of the relevant action.

This will increase road traffic from the south and west -with the growth of cargo and the relocation of Dublin Port to the western side of Dublin Airport, with DHL, TNT UPS and other carriers, increasing cargo activity at Dublin Airport- Currently there are nine (9) scheduled cargo ATMs at Dublin at night.

GHG Gases - & EPA . (Environmental Protection Agency)

The GHG assessment study area considers all GHG emissions from fuel used by aircraft during the additional LTO and climb cruise descent (CCD) phases and from additional surface access passenger journeys as a result of the proposed Relevant action.

There is no specific criteria for determining the significance of GHG emissions. As such, the **projected National Emissions Inventories for Ireland (EPA 2019)** as compiled by the EPA have been used for the level of effect of GHG emissions as a result of the proposed Relevant Action on the global climate.

None of the affects are of major significance as the GHG emissions associated with the this Relevant Action to not represent >1%of the projected National Emissions Inventory for either of the assessment years.

The total amount of GHG for 2018 was 60.51million tonnes of GHG and aircraft emissions are not recorded and are exempt. This equates to 605,100 tonnes representing the >1 % that is stated in this application.

60.510,000 divided by 52 = 11,636.53 per week = 1,662.36 per night.(Tonnes)

The EIS states: The significance of GHG emissions impact of the Relevant Action considering the receptors sensitivity (global climate) is anticipated to be minor, which is considered to be of low significance.

DAA offset carbon levels under the EU Emission Trading Scheme and the ICAO Carbon Offsetting and reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)

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Table 2.2. Historical and projected emissions for the non-ETS and ETS sectors (kt CO₂eq³⁴) for *With Existing Measures* and *With Additional Measures* scenarios

		Non-ETS sector	ETS sector	Total
Historical	2005	47098.82	22396.21	69495.03
	2008	46918.03	20383.79	67301.83
	2009	44330.87	17216.36	61547.23
	2010	43750.07	17354.78	61104.84
	2011	41230.35	15758.84	56989.19
	2012	40757.66	16853.87	57611.53
	2013	41713.48	15696.73	57410.21
	2014	41130.01	15968.53	57098.54
	2015	42363.41	16848.41	59211.81
	2016	43517.55	17752.65	61270.20
	2017	43830.35	16913.37	60743.73
	With Existing Measures scenario			
Projected	2018	44463.01	17357.08	61850.55
	2020	44568.69	16933.27	61532.48
	2025	44264.39	19512.53	63807.62
	2030	43989.73	20306.00	64326.67
	2035	43394.59	17893.20	61319.01
	2040	42813.54	18802.95	61647.70
	With Additional Measures scenario			
	2018	44361.77	17080.26	61472.49
	2020	43978.22	16524.17	60532.91
	2025	43047.27	18352.96	61430.94
	2030	41076.24	13448.26	54555.44
	2035	39499.58	15671.85	55202.65
	2040	37901.73	17133.05	55066.00

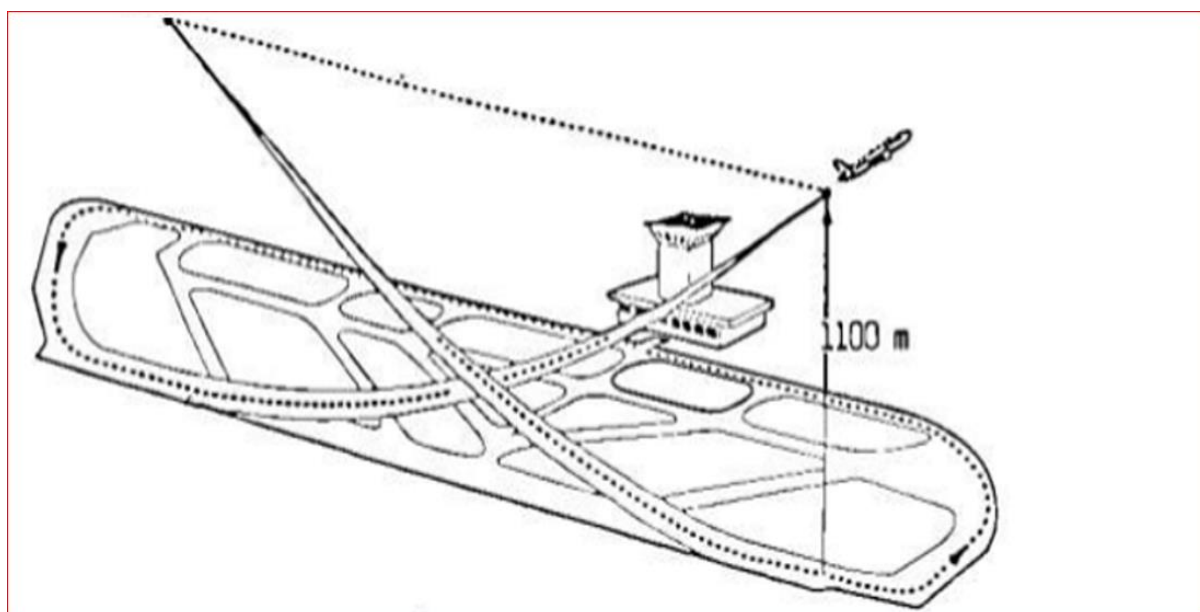
Note: Totals excludes Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)

Comparison of typical LTO-Cycle emissions with aircraft engine- and airport-specific emissions for greek airports

- August 2005

INTRODUCTION

Aircraft and airport related emissions have received considerable attention in recent years, both on national and international agendas. Although most of aircraft emissions are released during cruise at altitudes higher than 1.000 m (outside the atmospheric boundary layer), the effect of aircraft emissions at ground level is of major importance since most airports are close to urban areas [1]. In this work, ground-level emissions are estimated for three representative Greek airports, in Thessaloniki, Rhodes and Kavala for the year 2000. The LTO cycle defines the aircraft activity of interest. Emissions during flight at cruising altitude are not within the scope of this study. In the first step of an LTO cycle the aircraft descends from cruising altitude, approaches



the cycle: taxi out/idle, take-off and climb out. These five LTO cycle operating modes are defined by the existence of standard power settings for a given aircraft, so the modes represent an appropriate basis for estimating emissions. A schematic view of an LTO cycle is presented above – Aircraft activities during the LTO cycle.

Up to now, aircraft emissions in Greece have been estimated using average emission factors (in kg/LTO) per aircraft type based on standard/typical LTO cycles in terms of thrust settings and time spent in the specific mode [2]. This work focuses on the calculation of aircraft engine-specific emission factors, developed for selected airports. The resulting emissions are compared with the results of the simple methodology and the differences are discussed.

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Extract from Oral hearing – 2006.

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Dr. Staines stated that it is the purpose of the EIS to show whether any health effects would occur. He stated that Health Monitoring such as that carried out by the RIVM (Dutch Environmental Health Agency) in the region of Schipol Airport entails two elements including detailed environmental monitors including noise, emissions and flight patterns and ongoing health studies of the populations. The programme has been built up gradually over time. Dr. Staines stated that in terms of the National Air Quality Standards the theory is that the levels are set below the level at which effects on human health are detectable. Emission levels are set at what can be achieved not at a level at which human health would be affected.

Mr. Stanley (Submission AA) stated that St. Margaret’s is within the zone affected by the flight path during take-off/climb out and approach/landing and so will be the main location where aircraft emissions may impact on air quality beyond the site boundary.

What is the total LTO (in kg/LTO) for Dublin Airport for 2018 and 2019 when Dublin airport had 31.5 million passengers As stated above it is the projected National Emissions Inventories for Ireland has been used in this application. This includes CO2 emissions.

Extracts taken from ABP Oral Hearing 2006.

Questions to Planning Authority (Disc 1 – 05/10/06) Mr. Stanley stated that the airport and airlines are working to best international standards. The standards are an amalgam of opinions of various interested parties including the medical profession and aircraft manufacturers. With advancing technology aircraft become more efficient and pollution will decrease. Aircraft are less polluting than 20 years ago. Technology can only move at a certain rate. Every aircraft has to be registered and ensured that they are safe. By being safe they are less polluting. It does not pay to economise on maintenance grounds. He suggested that the WHO guidelines are taken into account in establishing the international standards. Mr. O'Faircheallaigh stated that the operation on an individual day is controlled by the Irish Aviation Authority through Air Traffic Control. The operation of the runway is under the control of the DAA. Mr. Stanley stated that the Stakeholder's Committee could influence how the runways are used and issues relating to fumes/odours should be raised with same. He stated that the application of fines to the airline for deviations off the flight path does not benefit the community.

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In Conclusion, the projections put forward based on the Atmosfair calculations, and data supplied by the airlines with proxy models used, and considering the variances that occur due to weather, verification of aircraft load details , the results are not acceptable to those most adversely affected, in this submission.

Also the omission of the Benzene levels which was a key issue in the Oral hearing in 2006 , must now be addressed with levels validated for the receptor areas surrounding the runway and under the flightpaths. .

This should be supplied to the Planning Authority for completeness sake, in the full interest of the health and welfare and should be validated independently.

The lack of information , raises concerns for those adversely affected by approach to change the night time restrictions while this is not permitted under the Planning conditions as set out by ABP in August 2007.

The night time impact of Benzene and other harmful air pollutants , CO2 and PM2.5 and pm10 must be fully explored.

Chapter 14

The Sound Insulation and VDPS Schemes.

This chapter should be viewed in conjunction with the Flight Path Data and the impact of health and the proposed AQS as part of the sound insulation scheme put forward by daa and FCC.

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The Applicant is requested to demonstrate the potential effectiveness of a scheme which is based on a grant of €20,000. Evidence should be provided to demonstrate the measures which can be afforded for the properties receiving the grant and the likely uptake of such measures and what reliance has been placed on predicted outcomes in the application.

Response

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed insulation grant scheme, this response gives evidence of the range of bedrooms that the dwellings within the scheme contain and applies reasonable costs for installing the required insulation taken from existing voluntary Residential Noise Insulation Scheme data.

An online survey of the eligible dwellings inside the scheme was conducted using Google Streetview in April 2021 to identify the building type and likely number of bedrooms for each dwelling.

Dwellings were given a bedroom number estimate with a minimum and maximum range for that type of property to allow for flexibility in the survey.

	No. bedrooms					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Minimum estimate	7%	83%	4%	6%		
Maximum estimate		7%	83%	4%		6%

Min estimate 100% - 1 to 4 bedrooms
Max estimate 94% - 1 to 4 bedrooms

The minimum estimate shows that 100% of the eligible dwellings have between 1 and 4 bedrooms.

The maximum estimate shows that around 94% of the eligible dwellings have 1 to 4 bedrooms.

These minimum and maximum bedroom values have been used to understand the likely proportion of bedrooms that may require mitigating for dwellings inside the scheme. Reasonable costs for each likely works item associated with the proposed grant scheme for bedrooms only have been collated. These are:

- Access equipment/scaffolding
- Glazing – primary or secondary
- Glazing - rooflight
- Passive vent
- Mechanical vent
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Residential Noise

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Figures show that 64% of eligible households are currently participating in the voluntary Residential Noise Insulation Scheme, with a further 17% opting to defer works until the biennial reviews for various reasons such as having recently undertaken insulation works themselves, timing of works unsuitable, wish to undertake other structural works before new insulation, purchase/sale of the property incomplete, legal title of house in dispute, awaiting result of planning application). 17% of households did not participate because of ongoing legal action at the time, and their later request to extend the opt-in deadline could not be accommodated); 2% of households have been purchased by daa and did not require works).

If we assume that the 17% who sought the opt-in extension wish to have works done as part of the biennial reviews, this indicates that participation in the overall scheme will be 100%.

The proposed grant scheme once fully developed will offer a streamlined approach to granting the funds for insulation works directly to the homeowner should they choose to participate in the scheme. While participation rates may not be as high as the expected 100% for the existing scheme it is hoped that there would be significant participation.

To focus on the wording and proposal of 20,000 grant.

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This is an assumed cost once again and the specifics of the scheme are not available. It is envisaged that daa will have a set of contractors selected, and the contractors will be responsible for the works and results. The applicant only refers to bedrooms, our living rooms and kitchens are areas of activity for reading , working etc. particularly with the changes Covid has brought with working from home. This is aspirational and needs to be specified in full . This is in addition to the VIDS , so that than mean that those with no insulation at present, who have deferred or still waiting, will have up to €20,000 added to the cost for their home to insulate every room, window, door and velux roof window. The scheme is very vague once again an outline to show this as a plausible mitigation measure.

The scheme aspires up to 10db of a reduction in aircraft noise. When one looks at the longitudinal data received from daa in October 2018, this insulation will be considered useless to achieve a noise decibel level at night of 40db and 45db during the day.

4.4. WHO Guideline Values

The WHO guideline values in Table 4.1 are organized according to specific environments. When multiple adverse health effects are identified for a given environment, the guideline values are set at the level of the lowest adverse health effect (the critical health effect). An adverse health effect of noise refers to any temporary or long-term deterioration in physical, psychological or social functioning that is associated with noise exposure. The guideline values represent the sound pressure levels that affect the most exposed receiver in the listed environment.

The time base for LAeq for “daytime” and “night-time” is 16 h and 8 h, respectively. No separate time base is given for evenings alone, but typically, guideline value should be 5 –10 dB lower than for a 12 h daytime period. Other time bases are recommended for schools, preschools and playgrounds, depending on activity.

The available knowledge of the adverse effects of noise on health is sufficient to propose guideline values for community noise for the following:

- a. Annoyance.
- b. Speech intelligibility and communication interference.
- c. Disturbance of information extraction.
- d. Sleep disturbance.
- e. Hearing impairment.

The Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 regarding the Noise Insulation Scheme - received from the Dept. of Transport and Tourism and Sport- Dated October 2019

States very clearly the following:

No 6.

Under Section 21, any person may request the Noise Regulator to review the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures (including the insulation schemes) at any time . Furthermore, the Noise Regulator must review the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures (including the existing noise insulation schemes) annually, at a minimum.

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In addition, the voluntary purchases scheme has also automatically come under the remit of the noise regulator by virtue of Section 29 and this subject to subject to monitor by the noise regulator by virtue of Section 21.

The above 2 regulations protect the residents, adversely affected, under the runway and beside the runways, as ANCA will be duty-bound to address every and each households aircraft noise, immediately , when contact is made. We are recommending that an independent Aircraft Acoustics Specialist , complete the actual and correct noise measurement testing to show the specific aircraft noise levels in LAfMAX, LAsMax, N60, LDAY and Lnight and SEL . This specialist should be chosen by the household affected and the cost paid for by Daa.

The Laeq16 hour and Laeq8hr do not reflect the health impact level of noise for those directly under the runway as the Longitudinal data received in October 2019 demonstrated.

As mentioned in this document, 13 different types of aircraft noise metrics have been used by daa. The Longitudinal data was not used by the applicant in this planning application and excluded from the EIS and AA.

No 7 .

Any proposed changes to the Insulation schemes will be fully consulted upon by virtue of the 14 week consultation period built in the regulatory process provided for in the Bill (Section 9 subsection (13))

ANCA have agreed with the scheme with the cash amount of up to €20,000 for bedrooms only as the fix it solution . Those in the Longitudinal Corridor- the missing contours from the submission and scheme agreed, will not suffice or be effective in reducing the LAfMax or SEL to 40db at night and 45db per day. Mr Karl Searson, our acoustic aviation specialist has stated it should be 30db for night time ambiance to have a quality nights sleep.

Following the grant of planning permission in 2007 and recommencement of the construction programme in December 2016, homes were identified within the 63 – 69db contour (Laeq) from the Oral hearing.

The Statement of Need completed a survey by Daa's Noise Consultants Anderson Acoustics.

The aircraft noise measurement – externally were measured under Laeq16hr (from INM Intergrated Noise Model) 2022 summer noise levels at dwellings.

Together with the external noise level from INM these have been used to estimate the overall sound insulation performance of the building envelope and the internal aircraft noise level using the method set out in BS EN 12354-3:2000 Upgrade measures have been applied with estimations of the subsequent improvement in sound insulation performance.

Where possible the daa Noise Insulation programme aims to achieve a 5 to 10 db improvement in sound insulation performance and to meet the World Health Organisation and BS8233:2014 recommended daytime internal ambient noise levels of 35to 40dB laeq16h within dwellings, depending on room type.

The WHO are recommending 45db Lden and 40Lnight.

Anderson Acoustics (Contractor) for the applicant carried out a statement of need, for a home at Dunbro Lane, giving a reading of 62.6dB – just 0.4 below the 63dB . – externally.

A mobile NMT reported 33% of aircraft at 72dB Lmax between 22July to 7th August at Dunbro Lane in 2019 . The average was 60-63dB laeq.

These measurements are from DAA 's noise specialists, before runway 10L-28R is even open. So what will be the cumulative aircraft noise really be, after the runway opens. The argument of quieter aircraft is helpful, but in excess of one million dollars and more, to change to a new aircraft, Airlines will not be clogging up the Aircraft Manufacturers order book.

Note: The year 2018 was chosen for the EIAR and this application as a benchmark to project, analysis and assess future data for the INM software to produce assumptions to work with for the purpose of North Runway. Why was 2019 not chosen, as more aircraft activity was recorded at Dublin Airport in terms of ATMs. was 2018. In our view, this was to set the bench mark , the bar as low as possible.

Dunbro was initially not included in the VDIS and only added to the programme , following pressure from the residents originally left out of the programme. Clearly the 63dB contour included the area between the two runways following the grant of permission in 2007.

One household is awaiting a real time up to date noise measurement when the north runway becomes operational as the current VDIS is not suitable.

In 2006, Searson Associates, (Acoustic Engineer) for SMCRG using the same equipment as DAA in Dunbro in July-August 2019 conducted a noise measurement at Helena Merrimans home at Kilreesk Lane. One of the receptors used in the EIAR is located at this home.

The readings were as follows:

Test	Time	Duration	Laeq	Lafmax	Aircraft	Location.
1	05.30	15 mins	45	64	no	Outdoors
2	05.50	5 mins	22	51	no	Indoors
7	06.58	1 min	45	54	yes	Indoors
8	07.26	60 mins	56	76	yes	Outdoors

This was taken prior to the Oral hearing using a Bruel & Kjaer real time analyser. NOTE: the difference in Lafmax and Laeq, which was used for the oral hearing in the planning application F04A/1755

The aircraft noise methodology was conveniently changed to Lnight and Lday and Levening after the planning was granted to standardise with European Standards. Yet the data was compared to the UK , and not Europe. This is still the case with this planning application to remove the night time restrictions. This is the start, the shoulder hours , 10pm – 11pm and 7am – 8 am are in place .

This application and the DRD from ANCA has approved in draft, the removal of the 11-12pm and 6am – 7am as part of essential sleep and rest time for residents , as per the WHO ,

thus causing entrapment for those adversely affected, with two schemes that are far from adequate.

Should this be permitted, then we foresee applications to include the hours from 12 midnight to 6am included in a 24 hour flight schedule in time. We have lived with piece meal planning applications which are gradual in nature, to eventually complete projects – one step at a time, for the last 50 years.

So the real noise level is questionable and can be argued with as depending on interpretation of dBs and use of different noise metrics.

So taking into consideration the readings from 2006 , with the South Runway only in operation to the west, can daa stand over a noise insulation programme , in its current form and specification for Millhead, Kilreesk Dunbro and The Ward (all in the Longitudinal corridor contour)

VDPS - “ Voluntary Home Buy out Scheme”

The extreme mitigation measure of offering a Home Buy Out Scheme to those adversely affected by 10L – 28R will be part of the NAO formulated with daa and ANCA. Daa have agreed a scheme with FCC with the total exclusion of those adversely blighted and this same VDPS is again put forward with no changes, to a proposal to remove night time sleep and the right to a healthy and happy home life for those significantly blighted. With this scheme along with the proposed VIDS, this removes the quality of life, with health implications, whichever decision is taken, to stay and live in a noise tunnel 24 hours a day, with Insulation that is not adequate to bring the WHO guidelines into place with a max of 40db at night and 45db Lden. Of course, these schemes are listed as “voluntary” but there is nothing voluntary about them for those under the flightpaths and suffering airport ground noise, from the runways.

The Inspector was fully aware of the compromised and check-mate position those under the flightpath would find themselves in. The Board on receiving additional information did grant the planning for 10L-28R on the basis of restricted night flights to give a respite of 8 hours for sleep and rest and also allowing for a Home purchases buyout

scheme which was to be totally voluntary. The lack of a take up for this VDPS says it all as residents have rejected it to date.

We note in the analysis of the noise impact in the various aircraft noise metrics used, “ *the effect is not significant* ” as daa are using the day time data , as if the runway is operating and extend it to night time automatically . The Lafmax and SEL are used very sparingly with 15 different noise metrics used in different formats and scenarios. So the impact of night time aircraft disturbance is being minimised.

Following the grant of permission, SMCRG, (most affected by LAFMAX noise on operation of North Runway) requested a meeting with the ABP Board to discuss the wording of the Voluntary purchases Scheme and other conditions, and to recoup our costs for day 1 of the oral hearing, which was denied.

The wording as follows was ambiguous and open to interpretation to the total and explicit benefit of Daa and Fingal County Council.

5th October, 2007

Appeal Re: Construct on airport lands, a runway, 3,410 metres in length and 75 metres in width located on lands of approximately 261 hectares in the townlands of Millhead, Kingstown, Dunbro, Barberstown, Pickardstown, Forrest Great, Forrest Little, Cloghran, Collinstown, Corballis, Rock and Huntstown, north and north-west of the airport terminal building.

Dear Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to your two letters dated the 19th September, 2007 and your further reminder letter dated the 1st October, 2007 in relation to the above-mentioned appeal.

Once the Board has made its decision on an appeal, its jurisdiction is spent. The interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Board's order is the responsibility of the planning authority, in this instance, Fingal County Council. In relation to the planning issues it would not be appropriate for the Board to comment beyond what is contained in the decision as set out in the order, nor would it be appropriate to meet with participants in the appeal. You should, therefore, address your concerns regarding enforcement of conditions and interpretation regarding maps to the planning authority.

In relation to your letter regarding costs, with respect no undertaking was given by the Inspector at the oral hearing though it is acknowledged that the issue arose. The Board's decision not to grant costs in this case is final.

I trust this is of assistance.

9. Prior to commencement of development, a scheme for the voluntary purchase of dwellings shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the planning authority. The scheme shall include all dwellings predicted to fall within the contour of 69 dB LAeq 16 hours within twelve months of the planned opening of the runway for use. Prior to the commencement of operation of the runway, an offer of purchase in accordance with the agreed scheme shall have been made to all dwellings coming within the scope of the scheme and such offer shall remain open for a period of 12 months from the commencement of use of the runway.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

We are now addressing those concerns in this application.

The VDPS was crafted by DAA and FCC – without the real and meaningful engagement of those whose homes were blighted in the flightpaths of the North Runway.

Participation in the formation of this scheme was requested through our legal team in 2016 and this was followed with presentation meetings, which daa used as a tick box exercise under “consultation with the community”.

The VDPS was presented at a special CLG meeting in November 2016, signed off December 2016, the same day the pre-commencement works started on North Runway.

SMCRG were invited to a meeting, to engage in dialog on the VDPS, with public representatives, after the discharge documents were signed, not knowing this was the case.

Our concern grew, when FCC were appointed the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority, and a meeting took place with the Dept. of Transport on 12th December 2019. It was stated very clearly, no change would take place before residents were engaged and dealt with fairly and equitably before the runway became operational. The Applicants attitude is to trample on those most affected and deal with the fall out later. This is not acceptable.

The Applicant has left their VDPS unchanged, apart from extending the period from one year to three years to accept their offer, from the date of operation of the runway.

This only benefits the Applicant and FCC as the runway is due to open in August 2022. We do not want this as part of the Condition 9. The Daa plan to lodge an application for expanding Dublin Airport from 32mppa to 40mppa in 2025 - 3 years from the opening of the runway. So this is the next jig-saw piece for the next planning application.

During that time the flight path residents will be subjected to 16 hour ATMs on both runways with the current conditions adhered to SEL and LafMax levels exceeding 70dB and 65 ATMS at night (Per the Planning Permission) .

Following a meeting with the Department of Transport, October 2019 to receive assurances, given our vulnerable position , we received a document stating the following:

“ In addition, the voluntary purchases scheme has also automatically come under the remit of the noise regulator by virtue of Section 29 and is subject to subject to monitoring by the noise regulator by virtue of Section 21”

Department of Transport October 2019.

Condition 9 also states:

Prior to the commencement of operation of the runway, an offer of purchase in accordance with the agreed scheme shall have been made to all dwellings coming within the scope of the scheme and such offer shall remain open for a period of 12 months from the commencement of use of the runway.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

It is worth highlighting that DAA have changed the contours on three occasions – In 2006, some of our residents received correspondence from DAA to state their eligibility for the Home Buy out Scheme as their homes were in the 69db noise level. Then a second letter was received, to say, that these homes were now changed to the 63db – 69db contour per the Laeq16 hour and on this basis, are still included in the VDPS, because of their commitment to honour the original letter. The 63db – 69db formed the basis for the eligibility for the VDIS only. In the commercial court in October 2017, both letters were produced for Judge Max Barrett, and he asked the question, “are these people in the 69db or not” This was never clarified. The truth is masked in the vast array of noise contours used to dilute the true facts, so relevant at the Oral Hearing with ABP in 2006.

It is important to highlight, the runway is due to open for operation this coming August, per announcements from DAA, and again the daa have failed to engage with those adversely affected in any meaningful way. The daa scheme is totally rejected as it does not include the loss of a home, an identity, our deeply rooted past, and aspirations for the future. The health impacts of this causing huge distress , anxiety, for flight path residents faced with a gun to their heads – to surrender their homes and disappear, like the 8 families forced from Barberstown and Kington in the 1960-1970,s or live in a noise vacuum of aircraft noise, until they can no longer do so.

Pondering once again, on the words of Dalton Philips – Chief Executive of daa –

Whether it is one household or 200 households under the flightpath, I am really sorry for them, I really am, but that is a matter for them”

The future outcome for these unfortunate homeowners is now in the hands of ANCA on review of submissions received from those severely affected with the consequences of the removal of essential night time sleep and rest and thus cascading to human health consequences as a result for the rest of their lives. We are appealing to be treated equitable

as was the outcome for the other residents mentioned in the Planning Application F04A/1755 as follows:

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Permission to construct on airport lands, a runway, 3,110 metres in length and 75 metres in width. The permission sought to include all associated taxiways, associated road works including internal road network, substations, navigational equipment, equipment enclosures, security fencing, drainage, ducting, lighting, services diversions, landscaping and all associated site development works including the demolition of an existing derelict house and associated outbuildings, the relocation of the Forrest Tavern monument; the removal of a halting site including the demolition of any structure whether temporary or permanent on that site which is currently leased from the applicant.

Speaking at a Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health on Wednesday 6th October, the Health Minister, Stephen Donnelly, stated, “ *people do not resist change, they resist loss.* ”

The loss in terms of detrimental significant health and well being is being considered as collateral damage, by daa who are fully aware of the significant impact, for a small number of the Fingal citizens, too small to matter, to Dublin Airport, in this EIAR.

The fourteen families, had their loss recognised (no properties involved as land was leased from the Applicant) and were remunerated for their loss, to their satisfaction, with a separate scheme funded by FCC and the Applicant. Despite request to FCC, the cost of these new homes and associated costs has not been forthcoming to date.

A house is made of bricks and mortar
A home is made of family and dreams.

CHAPTER 15

Vortex Impact

- 13.3.37 The other potential effect from airborne aircraft vibration is vortex damage to buildings.
- 13.3.38 Aircraft in flight creates vortices, circulating currents of air that are shed from the aircraft wings. For the most part, these vortices are dissipated by the effects of the wind and atmospheric turbulence before they reach the ground and, whilst they may more often be heard after an aircraft has passed, they seldom have any physical impact at ground level. Occasionally, however, vortices may persist long enough to make contact with buildings underneath the flight path. In extreme cases, the variation in pressure within these vortices can cause some damage to roofs if tiles or slates are not sufficiently firmly secured. In practice, such events may be encountered due to the passage of larger wide-bodied jets which create the largest vortices and during landing when aircraft are relatively close to the ground.
- 13.3.39 The issue of wake vortex damage was considered in some detail in the 2004 EIS²⁹ that supported the application for the permitted North Runway. The previous EIS was based on an assumption of 348,358 movements per annum, significantly higher than the number now envisaged in 2025 for the proposed Relevant Action which is 236,000 movements per annum. In granting permission for North Runway under those assumptions, the wake vortex impacts of that number of operations was evidently


Chapter 14 gives details of another impact from airborne aircraft – vortex damage to buildings. Roof tiles or slates may be damaged due to the passage of larger wide-bodied jets which create the largest vortices and during landing when aircraft is relatively close to the ground.

The noise level of 97dB C max occurring on average at least once over 24 hour day over the year has been taken as a threshold for potential significance of vibration effects due to airborne aircraft events.

As Millhead and Kilreesk Lane are positioned on approach to the runway – western side, the potential risk of vortex damage is very real. What will be the process, to report and make application in respect of damage caused by aircraft taking off and landing close to homes in that area to DAA - As this has been identified as a potential risk, provision must be made. There are a number of homes, close to the end of the runway.

Who set this benchmark of 97db and on what basis? The extract below has been taken from the HSE submission on the application F20A/0668 - Larger aircraft were not assessed fully nor helicopters in the noise measurements on the flight paths.

The EIAR also looked at the number of dwellings exceeding the threshold for potential vibration effects due to airborne aircraft. The EHS is satisfied that there will be no dwellings which experienced noise levels in excess of 97 dB LCmax at least once per day. This is down from 4 dwellings identified in the 2018 baseline scenario.



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Take Action!

Vortex damage to house roofs from over-flying planes

There have been a considerable number of incidents where houses have been damaged by vortices, caused by planes flying overhead.

The reason is well understood. Planes cause turbulence in the air they fly through, and these can continue for some time, and descend to the ground, especially if there is little wind to break them up.

The effect is often that tiles or slates are sucked off roofs, and can then cause injury as they fall to the ground. The house holder is left with a damaged roof in need of urgent repair.

The airports see themselves as not being liable for the damage, and say it is up to the airlines to provide compensation.

However, at a number of airports, there is a scheme through which householders whose roofs are damaged can obtain prompt compensation.

Details of the [Birmingham Airport Vortex Protection Scheme and the VPS Leaflet](#).

Details of the [Manchester Vortex Protection Scheme](#).

Heathrow:

Details of the [Heathrow Vortex Protection Scheme](#)

Call Heathrow's Help Desk on 0800 344844 during office hours.

Their [Vortex Protection Scheme leaflet](#) – if people prefer to have a hard copy of it – is available by calling Heathrow's Help Desk on 0800 344844 (office hours).

Heathrow operates a 24-hour emergency service. If you suspect that your house has been struck and you need an assessment of your home you should report the damage to us as soon as possible. Call Heathrow's emergency assessor on 07860 323816

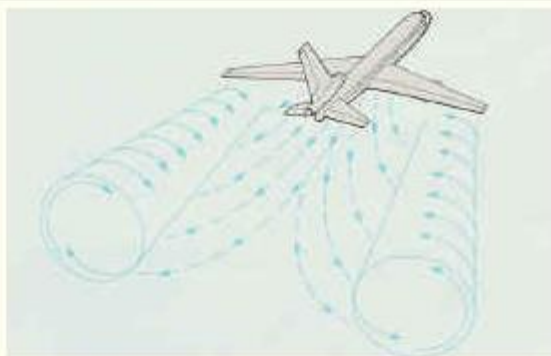
Heathrow says they will send out an assessor to inspect your roof as soon as possible. The damage caused by vortex strikes is very specific, and the assessor will quickly be able to confirm whether one has occurred. Please do not undertake any repairs before the inspection, as homes are only eligible for the scheme if the damage has been officially verified. Once approved, Heathrow will carry out free, remedial repairs to your roof.

How the damage is caused:

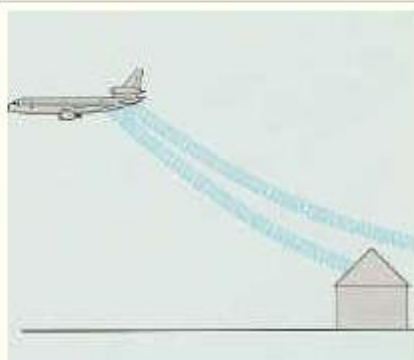
On a clear day it is possible to see the path of an aircraft high in the sky, travelling to some far off destination. The path is clearly marked by a vapour trail that has a defined width, and remains in the sky for a long period after the aircraft has passed. The vapour trail is technically known as an aircraft wake vortices. At many hundreds of miles per hour, the strength of the vortices generated by the wings and fuselage cutting through the air, and added too by the thrust from the jet engines, are enormous.



The disturbance generates spiralling cones of air (the vortices), much like a tornado. The force of the vortices takes a long time to dissipate as there is little in the upper atmosphere to slow it down.



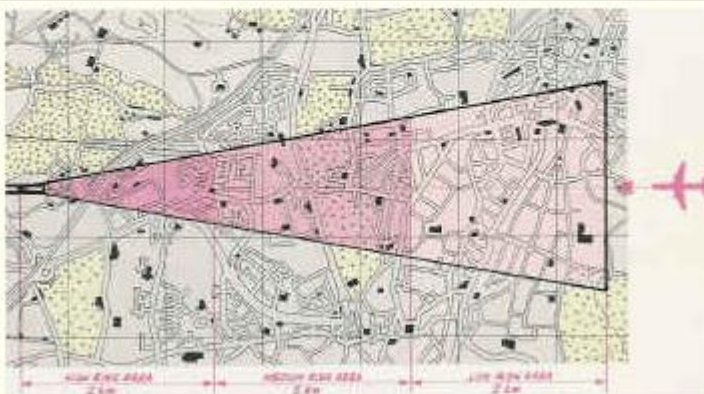
Closer to the ground large aircraft travel much slower, and the atmosphere is much thicker, so the vortices that are generated are less powerful and dissipates quicker. The most critical period is when a large aircraft is coming into land, when it is common for the aircraft wake vortex to reach the ground. The force of the vortex can suck tiles or slates off the roofs close to the flight path.



The main risk factors

The risks of being affected by an aircraft wake vortices can be assessed by looking at various know factors

- Is the location of the building under the flight path into a major airport or military air base? The flight path can be up to 10 degrees either side of the centre line and up to 6Km from the touchdown point.



- The direction of landing. More damage is created by aircraft coming in to land than taking off, due to the shallow rate of decent, relative to the steep rate of climb when taking off. Coming in to land the aircraft are lower beyond the end of the runway

- The size and weight of the aircraft, and the speed at which they land can make a big difference. It is the wide-bodied aircraft that record the most strikes, as there are more surfaces on the aircraft to generate the vortices.



- The weather conditions have a major effect. Windy and wet weather breaks up the structure of a vortex quicker than still clear conditions.

Vortex strikes

Unlike hurricane force winds, which affect the perimeters of a roof (especially the ridge and verge), aircraft wake vortices damage occurs in the centre of a roof slope, as the edges of the roof break up the vortices rather than help it. The average vortex is approx. 500mm wide, will travel at about 5 Knots, and last for approx. 3 minutes in clear air. Once it comes into contact with a roof, the vortices can exert their total force of up to -1200N/m^2 on just one or two slates or tiles for a fraction of a second, before they break up and loses their energy. If the tiles or slates are not fixed securely, the sucking and twisting action of the vortices can lift them out of place.



Fixing specification

To resist the force of the vortices it is essential that the tiles and slates can not lift at the tail of the tile or slate, and can not rotate. This can be achieved with tiles by being head nailed to the batten and tail clipped with a rigid clip. The smaller the tiles the more fixing can be installed per square metre of roof. Plain tiles should be fixed with either ring shank nails with a thick strong nail head or screwed. For double lap slate, centre nailing with ring shank nails should be adequate. Roofs clad with metal sheeting or built up systems do not appear to be vulnerable to aircraft wake vortices damage as the small footprint of a vortex relative to the large surface area of the panel will allow the load to spread to a greater number of fixings.

Program of repairs

The existing roofs that are under the flight path into major UK airports, starting with London Heathrow, are likely to be subject to a planned or programmed roof replacement scheme. However for all new buildings under a flight path it is the responsibility of the designer/ specifier to ensure the correct fixing specification is used to ensure no roof damage is caused by the effect aircraft wake vortices. In most instances the airport authority will be able to advise if the size of aircraft using the airport is an issue, and the exact line of the flight paths. With this information, the assistance of the roof tile or slate manufacturer should next be sought to determine the correct fixing specification for the roof.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

We are appealing to the Planning Authority and ANCA to respect the planning permission
F04A/1755 -PL06F217429 as per ABP – August 2007

For the health and well-being of the flight path residents and those parallel to the runway

To refuse this application on the grounds, those most adversely affected have been
disregarded and considered insignificant

The Conditions imposed by ABP in August 2007 should remain in place, in full.

Meaningful engagement is required for those directly affected by airport development,
runways and flightpaths now and for the future.

We do not object to progress , but we are here, and here before the runways, and should
be afforded the respect and acknowledgement from the Applicant DAA, to be a key
stakeholder and not deemed insignificant as per this Relevant Action planning application
F20A/0668

We have been referred to as “ RECEPTORS” and our homes as “Dwellings” to dehumanise ,
and trivialize the impact this development will have, 24 hours a day on our physical and
mental health , our environment, for as long as we live. The distress and trauma of being
deemed insignificant, for the last 22 years has added to the mental anguish for those now
trapped in the Longitudinal Corridor.

We are asking that ANCA recognise this LONGITUDINAL CORRIDOR as a Contour now as
part of this application and for addition to their forthcoming NAO and to the next Noise
Action Plan to fully and truly assess the full impacts on us.

In conjunction with what has now been granted by ANCA in the DRD, ANCA must now see
the VDIS and VDPS are totally inadequate and should be scrapped, and adversely affected
residents require a new scheme, that is engaging , and fair with an independent body, other
than the Applicant.

The issue of Aircraft noise and the mitigation measures must be dealt with FIRST , before
any changes are made to the current grant of permission from ABP in August 2007 – for
those adversely affected homes and families, as committed to by the Department of
Transport on 12th December 2019, following the EU598/2014 legislation enacted and the
setting up of ANCA.

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AEF – Aircraft Environmental Federation UK - Data on Health and Aircraft Quota System

Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulations Act 2019

Searson Associates - Northern Parallel Runway – Likely Impact on residents of Kilreesk Lane.

WHO Guidelines 2019

Airport Watch UK - Vortex .

Google - Cost of an Aircraft.

APPENDICES & ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1 - Longitudinal Data received October 2018 from BAP.

Appendix 2 – HSE submission to Fingal County Council – F20A/0668

Appendix 3 – Directive 200249/EC of the European Parliament of the Council on 25th June 2002 - Reviewed and our comments added to be read in conjunction with the Main Submission.

Voluntary Home Buy Out Scheme.

Voluntary Insulation Scheme.

Presentation Document with details on meeting ANCA 18th November 2021

Please attach and read the appendices in conjunction with our submission.

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